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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the City of Toronto, on Saturday, the
eleventh day of August, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C...	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. W. A. Lyon.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. Ira Bates	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. J. W. Bell, D.D.	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. Donald Ross.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. W. D. Tye	Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Chas. Stark	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. Wilby	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. McP. Ross	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Thos. Pedler	Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. F. H. Anderson	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Wm. McEachren.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. R. E. Porter	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. J. C. Jordan	
W. Bro. A. A. Hoover	
W. Bro. T. F. Hodgson	
Bro. W. E. Nugent.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren from the various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new lodge rooms of The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, a procession formed under the Grand Director of

Ceremonies, and marched to the site under prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 11th day of August, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906, and the 6th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut-
Governor of Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion
of Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

ALBERT E. KEMP, ESQ., being Member of the House of
Commons for the Constituency of Toronto East.

ROBERT ALLEN PYNE, being Member of the Legislative
Assembly for the Constituency of Toronto East.

M. W. BRO. JAMES H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario.

R. W. BRO. D. A. RADCLIFFE, being D. D. G. M. of the
Toronto East District No. 11.

This Corner Stone

Of the new rooms of The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, was laid by
M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, in
the presence of a large concourse of the brethren
and citizens of East Toronto.

The Grand Secretary then deposited the scroll in the cavity of the stone, together with a box containing certain newspapers, records and coins.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The

M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made. truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The procession was then re-formed, the brethren returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the City of Fort William on Thursday,
the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

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| R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands..... | as Grand Master. |
| R. W. Bro. Col. S. W. Ray..... | as Deputy Grand Master. |
| W. Bro. Fred. Symes | as Grand Senior Warden. |
| W. Bro. Geo. A. Grant | as Grand Junior Warden. |
| Bro. Rev. E. J. Harper..... | as Grand Chaplain. |
| W. Bro. J. H. Perry | as Grand Secretary. |
| W. Bro. John Armstrong | as Grand Senior Deacon. |
| W. Bro. D. F. Anderson | as Grand Junior Deacon. |
| W. Bro. A. McNaughton | as Grand Organist. |
| V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollingshead... | as Grand Supt. of Works. |
| R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie | as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| R. W. Bro. Allan McDougall | as Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| W. Bro. G. D. Higginbottom... | as Grand Sword Bearer. |
| W. Bro. R. H. Nieland | as Grand Pursuivant. |
| Bro. W. Symes | as Grand Stewards. |
| Bro. Robt. Corbett | |
| Bro. A. G. Smith | |
| Bro. J. J. Wells | |
| Bro. D. M. Mitchell ... | |
| Bro. E. H. North | |
| Bro. J. McCorkindale .. | |
| Bro. John Huxtable ... | |
| Bro. F. E. Trapp | |
| Bro. Geo. Hill | |
| Bro. T. M. Piper | |
| Bro. D. C. Flett | |
| W. Bro. F. B. Allen..... | as Grand Tyler. |

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 3.30 o'clock p. m. by R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand

Lodge was called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William.

W. Bro. George H. Coe, W. M. of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, then read an address of welcome and presented the acting Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel, suitably inscribed.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 20th day of June, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and the
seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

Hon. Wm. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-
Governor of Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion
of Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

JAMES MURPHY, being Mayor of the City of Fort William.

M. W. Bro. J. H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, being D. D. G. M. of the
17th Masonic District.

W. Bro. GEROGE H. COO, being W. M. of Fort William
Lodge, No. 415, Fort William.

This Corner Stone

Of the Masonic Temple at Fort William was laid by R. W. Bro.
C. J. Hollands, acting for the Grand Master, assisted by
the acting Grand Lodge officers, in the presence
of a large concourse of brethren and
citizens of Fort William.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial
containing coins, newspapers and other records in the
cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Deputy Grand Master and the acting Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Graftsmen had done their duty. The stone was then consecrated with corn, wine and oil and pronounced well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The acting Grand Master then delivered an address on the Symbolism of the Corner Stone, Grand Honors were given, and the acting Grand Chaplain invoked a further blessing. The procession being re-formed, Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed in form.



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Fifty-second Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Ottawa, commencing on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of July, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., on the throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed.

R. W. Bro. Henry A. Taylor.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. George Crystal.....	as Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C....	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. James H. Leach	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Douglas Robertson...	Grand Junior Deacon..
V. W. Bro. W. Hyndman	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler	as Assist. Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan	as Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. William Forbes.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. J. R. Fraser	Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. Robert Delahay ...	
V. W. Bro. W. A. Clark	
V. W. Bro. W. L. Blair	
Bro. John Sweetman	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Name	District No.
R. W. Bro. R. N. Fraser	Erle	1
"	Stewart McWhorter..	2
"	R. F. O'Neill	3
"	S. G. Holley.....	4
"	S. J. Cameron	5
"	J. W. Dutton	6
"	John Jardine	7
"	Lyman Lee	8
"	W. H. Wright	9
"	B. J. Leubsdorf	10
"	A. J. Anderson	11
"	D. A. Radcliffe	11a
"	H. G. Hutcheson	12
	Ontario	

R. W. Bro. F. L. Webb.....	Prince Edward District No. 13		
" William Jackson	Frontenac	"	14
" Geo. T. Martin	St. Lawrence	"	15
" William Northwood...	Ottawa	"	16
" C. J. Hollands	Algoma	"	17
" J. B. Way	Nipissing	"	18
" James Whitten	Muskoka	"	19
" E. R. Bonnsall	Otonabee	"	20
" S. S. Reveler	Eastern	"	21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen....	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young.....	Alberta.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May.....	Queensland.
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C...	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. Alf. F. Webster.....	Tasmania.
R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson...	Victoria.
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.....	Alabama.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, K. C....	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, K.C..	District of Columbia.
M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C....	Georgia.
V. W. Bro. J. H. Flock, K. C....	Idaho.
R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt.....	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Minnesota.
R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt	Nebraska.
R. W. Bro. William Rea	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New York.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	Oklahoma.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor	Oregon.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C...	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. H. D. Leask.....	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan.....	Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson....	Washington.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C...	West Virginia.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
R. W. Bro. George Tait	The Island of Cuba.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, M. A...	Hungary.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Peru.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	Porto Rico.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, W. R. White, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, Benjamin Allen, J. H. Burritt, W. A. Sutherland (honorary).

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—G. A. Aylesworth, Joseph Beck, Geo. J. Billett, E. R. Bonnsall, W. T. Bradley, E. B. Butterworth, D. D. Campbell, D. J. Cameron, E. M. Carlton, A. Carmichael, H. W. Clary, S. E. Cornell, A. M. Cunningham, W. J. Drope, E. Fitzgerald, R. M. Frazer, A. M. Ful-

ton, J. F. Graham, Frederick Guest, R. L. Gunn, F. W. Harcourt, J. C. Hegler, S. G. Holly, H. G. Hutcheson, Hugh Hyndman, W. Jackson, E. A. Johnson, H. D. Leask, J. G. Liddell, R. W. Longmore, J. A. Macfadden, W. A. Mackay, D. F. Macwatt, Allan McDougall, Thomas McCarroll, W. D. McPherson, D. McWhorter, Geo. Malcolm, G. T. Martin, George S. May, J. C. Morgan, J. A. Morton, J. B. Nixon, William Rea, S. S. Reveler, John Robertson, Donald Ross, James Ross, A. Shaw, D. B. Simpson, F. J. Skinner, R. W. Stevenson, W. G. Stevenson, George Tait, James Tancock, David Taylor, R. W. Watchorn, J. B. Way, F. L. Webb, A. F. Webster, William Webster, Aubrey White, Jas. Whitten, John Wilson, A. J. Young.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—W. G. Eakins, J. A. McLachlan, P. H. McDonell.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—William Forbes, A. E. Cooper, John Huckell.

Past Grand Chaplains—W. T. Wilkins, Geo. Chrystal.

Past Grand Treasurers—M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.

Past Grand Registrars—J. C. Boyd, W. C. Wilkinson.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—J. G. Forgie.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies—W. Hyndman.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—W. J. McAllister.

Past Grand Stewards—J. H. Flock, W. L. Blair, T. D. Diamond.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge Mr. D'Arcy Scott, Mayor of the city, accompanied by Aldermen Kilt, Pepper, Rosenthal, Farron, Boudreault and Short, were introduced by R. W. Bro. Northwood, D. D. G. M., when His Worship welcomed the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge in the following words:

WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND GENTLEMEN:

Permit me as Mayor of this city to offer, in the name of the Municipal Council and our citizens generally, a hearty welcome to Ottawa. I extend to you the freedom of the city. I am not quite sure what it is, but the Ottawa brethren will, doubtless, find it for you.

We are honored by your choice of Ottawa as the place of meeting for the Grand Lodge for this year, and we thank you for it. We think you were well advised when you made the choice. Ottawa being the capital of our fair Dominion, and a centre for thinking, intelligent men, it is but fitting that so important an organization which has for its aims the development of all that is best and noble in the human mind and the making of good citizens of our country and loyal subjects of our glorious King, should not overlook this great city and its eagerness for the honor which you have conferred upon us.

Sir, your Order has the good fortune of having seven lodges in our city, and let me tell the visiting brethren that we are proud and that they also should be proud of the men who constitute the number of those lodges. Some of the ablest aldermen around our City Council Board are Freemasons; many of our leading and prosperous merchants, business and

professional men belong to the Order, and among the noble and self-sacrificing, yet greatly underpaid band of civil servants, we find many of them holding important places in the Order in this city. It is a compliment to the city and to the Ottawa brethren that you have come here, and I believe that the kind and hospitable treatment which I know you will receive from the Ottawa Freemasons will amply repay you for my shortcomings in the few words I now address you.

I am informed, Sir, that it is the object of Freemasonry in this country, to inculcate in its numbers principles of religious and civil toleration and liberty; that it teaches fidelity and truthfulness, loyalty to the King, and strict honor in all the affairs of life; that it practices kindness and benevolence, promotes broad-minded toleration, relieves distress and comforts the afflicted. If this be correct, and I doubt it not, may God bless you in your undertaking and guide you in your council. Would that we could build up in this country a lively Canadian national spirit, putting aside all sentiments or prejudices that are inconsistent with it, and putting aside all religious differences whatever. Let us have a Canadian national spirit which will ever lead us on to a still firmer devotion to our great King Edward the Seventh and will make us greater Britons, and that we make Canada worthy of the honorable position she holds to-day as the strong right arm of the greatest empire upon which the sun has ever shone.

Fellow countrymen, again I welcome you most heartily to the city, and thank you for the honor conferred upon us by coming here.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made suitable reply, and the deputation retired.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.30 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

R. W. Bro. Northwood, D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District, then introduced the Worshipful Masters of the Ottawa lodges, who presented the following address of welcome:

To the Most Worshipful Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with feelings of unalloyed pleasure that the members of the craft in Ottawa extend to you a hearty and fraternal welcome on the occasion of the fifty-second annual communication of Grand Lodge. This pleasure is enhanced by the fact that the deliberations of Grand Lodge are to be presided over by a distinguished brother of our own district. We feel sure that all the other Craftsmen in our jurisdiction recognize, with us, that during your two years' tenure of office you, Most Worshipful Sir, have worthily upheld the traditions of our

noble Order. In the efficient discharge of the duties which Grand Lodge entrusted to you two years ago you have displayed marked ability, combined with a ripe experience. By your untiring zeal and generous self-sacrifice the Craft has greatly prospered, and when the time comes for you to hand over the gavel to your successor we feel sure that it will be the unanimous opinion of Grand Lodge that the ancient landmarks have been rigidly observed by you.

We greet Grand Lodge in the jubilee year of the Capital. Exactly fifty years ago Ottawa was selected as the seat of government in Canada by her late majesty, Queen Victoria, and it seems, therefore, but fitting that the present communication of Grand Lodge should be held at the National Capital. On January 1st, 1855, or two years before the decision of her late majesty was announced, the city took on its corporate existence, the very same year that this Grand Lodge was organized. Ottawa at that time had a population of less than 7,000; to-day we can boast of over 70,000. We feel a natural pride in our city, in its steady progress, its magnificent buildings, its splendid institutions and its beautiful surroundings, and we can assure the brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction of a cordial welcome by our citizens, irrespective of creed or nationality.

Reference to the action of our late beloved Queen recalls to mind that the Sovereigns of England have for centuries been patrons of the Craft. His Majesty King Edward VII. was for some years Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge, a position held to-day by his distinguished brother, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, K. G.

In offering our welcome, brethren, we desire to express the hope and belief that your stay in Ottawa will be both pleasant and profitable, and that in the highest degree it will be promotive of our noble institution.

May you be guided by the Great Architect of the Universe to devise plans for our future that, building on them wisely, we may more fully than in the past exemplify the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Signed on behalf of the Craft in Ottawa.

WM. NORTHWOOD, D. D. G. M.,
Masonic District No. 16.
J. W. G. ROBERTS, W. M.,
Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52.
R. M. ARMSTRONG, W. M.,
Doric Lodge, No. 58.
A. T. PHILLIPS, W. M.,
Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.
E. C. WIGHT, W. M.,
The Builders' Lodge, No. 177.
WALTER L. JOYNER, W. M.,
Fidelity Lodge, No. 231.
ROBT. MacCRACKEN, W. M.,
Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264.
W. D. JONES, W. M.,
Prince of Wales, No. 371.

To which the Grand Master made a suitable reply.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges reported that there are 398 warranted lodges on the register; 297 are represented; 101 unrepresented. There are 632 names registered, having a total of 1,252 votes.

The following are the names of those present:

- No. 2.** **Niagara, Niagara.**
W. Bro. J. Dew Randall, W. M.
- No. 3.** **The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.**
W. Bro. O. W. Daly, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Gimblett, S. W.,
and W. Bro. George Creegan, P. M.
- No. 5.** **Sussex, Brockville.**
W. Bro. Albert E. Foxton, W. M., and W. Bro. A. H. Gillingham, P. M.
- No. 6.** **The Barton, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. George Armstrong, W. M.; R. W. Bros. A. T. Freed, Thomas Clappison, W. Bros. H. S. Griffin, R. W. B. Smith, James Ferres, C. E. Cameron and George Moore.
- No. 7.** **Union, Grimsby.**
W. Bro. C. H. Pettit, W. M.; Bro. J. S. Morris, S. W.;
R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope, William Forbes, W. Bros. A. F. Hawke, W. F. Randall and C. T. Farrell, P. M's.
- No. 9.** **Union, Napanee.**
W. Bro. D. A. Vallean, W. M.
- No. 10.** **Norfolk, Simcoe.**
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. M.
- No. 11.** **Molra, Belleville.**
W. Bro. A. A. Roberts, W. M.
- No. 14.** **True Britons, Perth.**
W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M., and W. J. McKerracher.
- No. 16.** **St. Andrew's, Toronto.**
R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, Proxy; George Tait, W. Bros. H. T. Smith, J. S. Lovell, A. E. Hagerman and L. H. Luke, P. M's.
- No. 17.** **St. John's, Cobourg.**
W. Bro. J. G. Nichols, W. M.
- No. 18.** **Prince Edward, Picton.**
W. Bro. H. U. Tobey, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P. M.
- No. 20.** **St. John's, London.**
W. Gro. Thos. Roe, W. M.; R. W. Gro. James Tancock.

- No. 21a.** **St. John's, Vankleek Hill.**
W. Bro. A. M. Cheney, W. M.
- No. 22.** **King Solomon's, Toronto.**
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- No. 339. Orient, Toronto.**
W. Bros. A. Gillies and J. W. Thompson, P. M's., Proxy.
- No. 343. Georgina, Toronto.**
W. Bros. W. M. Shaner, W. M. ; A. MacDonald, P. M.
- No. 345. Nilestown, Nilestown.**
W. Bro. Daniel James, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 346. The Occident, Toronto.**
W. Bro. J. Howlett, W. M.
- No. 352. Granite, Parry Sound.**
Bro. W. H. Bundy, J. W., Proxy.
- No. 354. Brock, Cannington.**
W. Bro. Thos. Foster, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 356. River Park, Streetsville.**
W. Bro. C. H. Rich, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 357. Waterdown, Millgrove.**
W. Bro. J. G. Goustray, P. M.
- No. 358. Delaware Valley, Delaware.**
W. Bro. W. Halliday, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 360. Muskoka, Bracebridge.**
W. Bro. F. N. Johnson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Jas. Whitten,
W. Bro. F. P. Warne, P. M's.
- No. 361. Waverley, Guelph.**
V. W. Bro. W. A. Clark, W. Bro. Jas. NalSmith, V. W.
Bro. A. McFaran, P. M's, Proxy.
- No. 362. Maple Leaf, Tara.**
W. Bro. W. R. Delhl, W. M.
- No. 364. Dufferin, Melbourne.**
W. Bro. Geo. Hagarty, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 367. St. George, Toronto.**
W. Bro. A. G. Saunders, W. M.
- No. 368. Salem, Brockville.**
W. Bros. C. T. Wilkinson, W. M. ; E. A. Geiger, P. M.

- No. 369. Mimico, Lambton Mills.**
W. Bro. R. E. Port, W. M.
- No. 370. Harmony, Delta.**
W. Bro. H. Howard, W. M.
- No. 371. Prince of Wales, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. D. M. Jones, W. M. ; Bros. M. Rosenthal, S. W. ;
J. M. Skead, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. T. M. Northwood, John
Wilson, Jas. Turley, W. Bros. John B. Wright, E. Geo.
Shaw, Wm McCoy, H. P. Payley, C. W. Close, A. E.
Cowan, P. M's.
- No. 372. Palmer, Bridgeburg.**
W. Bro. J. G. Watts, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 373. Copestone, Welland.**
W. Bros. James Eastman, W. M. ; G. W. Sutherland and
G. H. Pettit, P. M's.
- No. 374. Keene, Keene.**
W. Bro. James McNeill, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 376. Unity, Huntsville.**
W. Bros. John McLeod, W. M. ; S. A. Hutchison, D. M.
Grant, J. E. Fisher, P. M's.
- No. 378. King Solomon's, London West.**
W. Bro. A. L. Simmle, W. M. ; J. T. McDougall, P. M.
- No. 379. Middlesex, Bryanston.**
W. Bro. C. C. Roberts, W. M.
- No. 380. Union, London.**
W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 382. Doric, Hamilton.**
W. Bros. F. S. Corson, W. M. ; A. B. Clark, P. M.
- No. 383. Henderson, Winchester.**
R. W. Bro. S. E. Reveler, W. Bro. David Wishart, P. M's.
- No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.**
W. Bro. H. C. Scully, W. M.
- No. 385. Spry, Beeton.**
W. Bro. H. F. Moore, W. M.
- No. 386. McColl, West Lorne.**
W. Bro. A. Petherrick, W. M.
- No. 387. Lansdowne, Lansdowne.**
W. Bro. J. A. Bradley, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 389. Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.**
Bro. J. C. Checkley, S. W. ; W. Bros. J. Chapman and
A. A. Chapman, P. M's.
- No. 390. Florence, Florence.**
W. Bro. J. H. Snary, W. M.
- No. 392. Huron, Camlachie.**
W. Bro. Thos. Crawford, W. M.

- No. 394.** King Solomon, Thamesford.
R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neill, P. M.
- No. 395.** ParvaIm, Comber.
W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 396.** Cedar, Wiarton.
R. W. Bro. D. J. Cameron, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 398.** Victoria, Kirkfield.
Bro. A. E. Oliphant, J. W.
- No. 400.** Oakville, Oakville.
W. Bro. J. R. Byers, W. M.
- No. 402.** Central, Essex.
W. Bro. T. D. McClery, W. M.
- No. 403.** Windsor, Windsor.
W. Bro. A. D. Bowlby, W. M. ; Bros. H. D. Drake, S. W. ;
James Newson, J. W. ; W. Bro. R. H. Revell, P. M.
- No. 405.** Mattawa, Mattawa.
W. Bro. C. W. Haentschell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 406.** The Spry, Fenelon Falls.
R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P. M.
- No. 408.** Murray, Beaverton.
W. Bros. Fred. F. Ritchie, W. M. ; W. Williamson, P. M.
- No. 409.** Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.
W. Bros. W. W. McPhee, W. M. ; J. H. Elliott, P. M.
- No. 410.** Zeta, Toronto.
W. Bros. J. G. Cane, W. M. ; E. Barber, D. Gregg and
W. R. Cavell, P. M's.
- No. 412.** Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.
W. Bro. T. B. E. Simpson, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. J. B.
Way and William T. Bradly, P. M's.
- No. 414.** Pequonga, Kenora.
R. W. Bro. John Brydon, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 415.** Fort William, Fort William.
W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, W. M.
- No. 416.** Lyn, Lyn.
W. Bros. Geo. Bryson, W. M. ; T. Austin Smith, P. M.
- No. 418.** Maxville, Maxville.
W. Bros. C. A. Stewart, W. M. ; Henry Samuel and C.
D. Smith, P. M's.
- No. 419.** Bismarck, Point Edward.
W. Bros. J. E. Mitchell, J. E. Livingston, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 420.** Nipissing, North Bay.
W. Bro. N. J. McCubbin, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. A. J.
Young, H. D. Leask, W. Bro. G. W. Lee, P. M.

- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
W. Bros. J. E. McIntyre, W. M.; J. A. V. B. Preston,
Jas. McLennan, Thos. Moss, P. M's.
- No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.**
R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 425. St. Clair, Sombra.**
W. Bro. W. W. Stover, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 426. Stanley, W. Toronto Junction.**
W. Bros. W. J. Sheppard, A. H. Royce, R. W. Bro. A. J.
Anderson.
- No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.**
W. Bro. Jas. A. Orr, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 428. Fidelity Port Perry.**
R. W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson, P. M.
- No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.**
V. W. Bro. John Parsall, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.**
W. Bros. J. H. Mileage, W. M.; A. W. Freeland, P. M.
- No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.**
W. Bros. Henry Pay, W. M.; A. Kniesvasser, P. M.
- No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.**
W. Bro. A. Reid, W. M.
- No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. Alex. Goss, W. M.; R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell,
P. M.
- No. 439. Alexandria, Alexandria.**
Bro. G. A. Bradley, S. W.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bros. E. C. Young, W. M.; D. J. Hartle, S. Phillips,
P. M's.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bros. J. R. Gorrell, W. M.; A. W. Gray, P. M.
- No. 442. Dymont, Thessalon.**
V. W. Bro. W. L. Nichols, W. M.; W. Bro. Geo. Shaw,
P. M., Proxy.
- No. 443. Powassen, Powassen.**
W. Bro. W. Carmichael, W. M.
- No. 444. Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. Alex. Earle, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 446. Granite, Fort Francis.**
R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 447. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
Bro. A. D. McInnis, J. W.; W. Bro. T. H. Connor, P. M.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. J. F. Vandusen, W. M.

- No. 450. Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.**
W. Bro. W. R. Montgomery, R. W. Bro. E. O. Johnson,
P. M., Proxy.
- No. 451. Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. E. A. White, W. M.
- No. 452. Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. W. H. Winters, W. M.
- No. 453. Royal, Fort William.**
R. W. Bro. Allan McDougall, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 454. Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M.
- No. 456. Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. A. J. Cundick, W. M.
- No. 458. Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. C. O. Carson, W. M.
- No. 459. Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. Robert Delahley, P. M.
- No. 460. Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
W. Bro. C. C. Gilbert, W. M.
- No. 462. Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bros. A. B. V. Summers, W. M. ; F. W. Haynes, E.
A. Anderson, P. M's.
- No. 463. North Entrance, Haliburton.**
W. Bro. A. Clarke, W. M.
- No. 464. King Edward, Sunderland.**
W. Bro. John L. Tipp, P. M.
- No. 466. Coronation, Elmvale.**
W. Bro. W. H. Sparling, W. M.
- No. 467. Tottenham, Tottenham.**
W. Bro. John McCabe, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 469. Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. T. D. Ross, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. M.
- No. 473. The Beaches, Balmy Beach.**
W. Bro. W. A. Lyon, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 474. Victoria, Toronto Junction.**
W. Bros. W. J. Shepard, W. Wilby, P. M's.
- No. 475. Dundurn, Hamilton.**
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 476. Corinthian, North Gower.**
W. Bros. A. E. McCordick, J. H. Cryderman, P. M.,
Proxy.
- No. 477. Harding, Woodville.**
W. Bro. E. A. Staback, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 480. Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg.**
W. Bro. C. F. Whittaker, W. M.

No. 481.

Corinthian, Toronto.

W. Bro.*John Stephens, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, S. W. ; W. Bro. J. T. Little, J. W. ; W. Bros. W. H. Hutcheson and W. G. Jones, P. M's.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, J. Ross Robertson, J. M. Gibson and William Gibson, Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the rear of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and

Resolved, That the minutes of Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-first Annual Communication, held in the City of Toronto on the 18th and 19th days of July, A. D. 1906, having been printed and copies hereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and amended in so far as the motion giving leave to vote upon the notice of motion in reference to undress clothing given by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, substituting the name of W. R. White for that of Hugh Murray as the seconder of the motion, and that as so amended they be now confirmed.

At this stage of the proceedings a deputation from the Grand Lodge of New York, consisting of R. W. Bro. Thomas Penney, of Buffalo, and R. W. Bro. A. Crook, of Brooklyn, was introduced by M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, Hugh Murray and W. A. Sutherland.

After having been cordially welcomed by the Grand Master each of these brethren made eloquent replies to the words of greeting of the Grand Master.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

The twelve months since we last met in annual communication have gone only too quickly, and have brought

us to the 52nd Communication, and I welcome you all at this meeting in the Capital City of the Dominion. I have said the months have gone too quickly; this is in a comparative sense. To one who has been uniformly busy in any line of work, he is not measuring hours nor weeks, and consequently not keeping track of the units; to him, time space is covered by leaps and bounds, and to me it seems only a short time since we met one year ago in Toronto.

As your guardian, *ad interim*, I have endeavored to be watchful of your interests, and I am pleased to say whilst last year was a most strenuous one, and one in which more or less work of a disagreeable character was cast upon me, this year is marked as one of almost universal peace within our jurisdiction. There has been only one slight ripple of trouble, which has been adjusted, and I am advised by the M. W. the Grand Secretary that there is only one case of minor import before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, the smallest number in the history of Grand Lodge for 49 years. Surely this is good news that I hand down to you, evidencing that education along Masonic lines is bearing fruit, that we are becoming less technical and carping about what, a few years ago, would be considered a grievance.

Our prosperity, financially and numerically, is also a matter of sincere thankfulness. That Masonry should grow with the numerical growth of our fair Province goes without comment, and the financial growth must, or ought to be, in *pari materia* with the other. Our financial increase this year over last year, the most prosperous year in our history, is \$2,982.00. Our numerical increase is 3,000, and our capital account, as you will learn presently, stands at \$114,852, after an expenditure of \$34,351 for all purposes, including Benevolence, whilst our total membership is over 40,000.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Since we met last year the Reaper has been at his work. Amongst those whose names will be recorded in the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead are two or three about whom I wish to say a word or two.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., P. D. D. G. M., has left us. He was about my contemporary as a member of Grand Lodge, and did not miss a meeting. He was a

most lovable man; a man of sterling integrity; he did his work in Grand Lodge, involving, in a sense, a large measure of sacrifice. Some look upon the meeting of Grand Lodge as an outing, reasonably sandwiched with a small modicum of duty. This was not R. W. Bro. Roaf's view of his place in Grand Lodge. As the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials most of you know with what cheerfulness he did his work, early and late, with a fidelity worthy of imitation, whilst others were at recreation. He will be missed by his old friends in Grand Lodge, but his unselfish devotion to the work assigned to him will never be forgotten by those who travelled the past years with him.

R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District, has also gone. At his death he was Speaker of the Local Legislature of Ontario. To be called away at any time is sad, and leaves aching hearts; but to be taken as our R. W. Brother was, whilst he was in full bloom as to years and usefulness, filling a place as first Commoner in the Councils of the province, and thereby fitting himself for more active usefulness when his term of office was finished, was especially sad. Masonry can ill afford to lose such men; still, we should face the fact fairly and say, as of old, "the King is dead, long live the King." Death is inevitable, and we view it properly if we take advantage of those lessons taught by those better lives and go on with our work whilst it is left for us to do, for the good of others.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P. D. D. G. M., and Chairman of Printing and Supplies in Grand Lodge, has also passed away. He had been a worker in Grand Lodge for many years. The extent of his work was not readily appreciated by those of Grand Lodge who were not of the Board of General Purposes, his report covering only special and technical ground, which did not attract much attention; still, he was a most valuable member of the Board and did his work always unostentatiously and most satisfactorily, requiring a man trained in the work. He had to attend to the printing and proof-reading of the Grand Master's address and of all the several reports from the sub-committees of the Board to Grand Lodge. He was a man of great weight in the district where his home was (London), and will be greatly missed in Grand Lodge.

IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

The following have been reported to me:

Colorado—Geo. Keith Kimball, Past Grand Master.

Connecticut—Frederick S. Stevens, Past Grand Master: Miles W. Graves, Grand Treasurer.

Florida—Norvelle R. Carter, Past Grand Master.

Georgia—William R. Davis, Past Grand Master.

Kansas—John Guthrie, Past Grand Master.

Michigan—This State has suffered severely by the death of a Grand Master, two Past Grand Masters, and a Grand Senior Warden. Charles L. Stevens, Grand Master, laid down his gavel. He, as Deputy Grand Master in 1905, visited our Communication at Hamilton with the Grand Master. Charles Fitz-Roy Bellom, P. G. M. This brother was Professor of the State Normal School for 25 years, and the writer of several text books on mathematical subjects. Henry Chamberlain, Past Grand Master. Erastus E. Stone, Grand Senior Warden.

Minnesota—Charles Griswold, Past Grand Master.

Minnesota—Thomas Montgomery, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary at his death.

Montana—Cornelius Hedges, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary at his death. He evidently was a very able man.

Nebraska—George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master.

New Hampshire—Albert S. Wait, Past Grand Master.

New York—Frank H. Robinson, Past Grand Master. I, with M. W. Bro. B. Allen, was the recipient of his splendid hospitality in New York in May, 1906, referred to in my address last year. I learned when there that M. W. Bro. Robinson had been on the bench, but had to retire on account of ill health. The obituary notice of his death sent me speaks of him as "a kingly man, in the height of his usefulness and the zenith of his fame. An exemplar of our Craft has fallen."

Ohio—Charles A. Woodward, Past Grand Master.

Rhode Island—Edward L. Freeman, Past Grand Master.

Virginia—George Davis, Past Grand Master.

Washington—William H. Upton, Past Grand Master.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

Last year I was called upon, as your Grand Master, to show our practical sympathy with the Masonic sufferers

in California, which you enthusiastically endorsed. A like calamity has been visited upon the City of Kingston, Jamaica, also by an earthquake, causing the death of many Masons, the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of their property, and bringing to a host of Masonic homes penury.

This is a branch of the Masonic world akin to us in blood, which, of course, ought not to, nor does it to me, make any difference. News came to me through R. W. Bro. Drope, P. D. D. G. M., who had an account of the disaster from R. W. Bro. E. Jordan Andrews, Treasurer of the Government of the Island. The distress was quite as great as at California, when the want of means to alleviate the distress is compared with the wealth which flowed into the hands of the Grand Master of California. I thought I was doing your behest in sending to R. W. Bro. Andrews a cheque for \$1,000.00 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, "for the relief of distressed brethren, their wives and families." R. W. Bro. Andrews says: "We have not a Masonic Temple standing, and it is with sorrow I have to tell you that we have lost many of our valued and distinguished brethren, who have been killed. We have no large fund to meet the urgent calls from families of our deserving brethren, who have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above." I have received his acknowledgment, with profuse thanks to the Grand Lodge of Canada. I look for your approval of my act.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren of this jurisdiction have received commissions to represent other jurisdictions near our Grand Lodge, upon my recommendation:

Grand Lodge of Alberta—R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Lodge of Queensland—R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Lodge of Peru—R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, P. D. D. G. M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota—R. W. Bro. Judge Leask, P. D. D. G. M., vice R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, deceased.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska—R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M., vice R. W. Bro. W. Roaf, deceased.

Upon the nomination of their Grand Masters, I have caused to be issued commissions to the following brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Queensland—Lord Chelmsford, Governor-General.

Grand Lodge of Alberta—R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop.

Grand Lodge of Ohio—M. W. Bro. Frank S. Harman.

Grand Lodge of West Australia—W. Bro. Capt. Collett, vice W. Bro. Col. McWilliams, deceased.

WARRANTS.

The following Warrants have been granted since last Communication:

Gore Bay, No. 472, Gore Bay.

The Beaches, No. 473, East Toronto.

Victoria, No. 474, Toronto Junction.

Dundurn, No. 475, Hamilton.

Corinthian, No. 476, North Gower.

Harding, No. 477, Woodville.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Dispensations continued from previous year:

Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft.

Milverton Lodge, Milverton.

Russell Lodge, Russell.

The following lodges were granted dispensations since last Communication:

Williamsburgh, Williamsburgh, District No. 21.

Corinthian, Toronto, District No. 11a.

Granton, Granton, District No. 3.

I was obliged to refuse two petitions for two lodges, one with some regret.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodges were dedicated and constituted:

Gore Bay, No. 472, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Tweed, No. 239, by Col. Ponton, P. D. D. G. M.

Teeswater, No. 276, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Fidelity, No. 428, by myself.

The Beaches, No. 473, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Corinthian, No. 476, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Victoria, No. 474, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Harding, No. 477, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Dundurn, No. 475, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Alviston, No. 323, by R. W. Bro. Judge Macwatt.

Burlington, No. 165, by R. W. the Deputy Grand Master.

Aldworth, No. 235, by the D. D. G. M. of the District.

Temiscaming, No. 462, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There were, altogether, too few held during the year. I was able to be present at two. These meetings are very useful in several ways. There is always some brother present who is an authority on the work, and mistakes are corrected before officers from every lodge in the District. At least three lodges take part in the exemplification of the degrees, an honest rivalry to excel is created in each set of officers, and the work is so placed before new lodges and those who have not much chance of seeing any but their own work, and is an education for their future guidance. They also bring together brethren from all parts of the district at least once a year for fraternal and social fellowship, as well as instruction. I would urge upon each incoming District Deputy Grand Master to have at least one Lodge of Instruction held in his district during his year of office.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of new by-laws and amendments to by-laws to the number of 63. In most of the cases of amendments it was increasing the Initiation and Joining Fees.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

In consequence of the death of R. W. Bro. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee of Printing and Supplies, I appointed R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M., in his place on the Board for the balance of the term.

On the death of R. W. Bro. Roaf, also a member of the Board, I appointed V. W. Bro. J. H. Flock, K. C., London, in his stead, for the balance of the term.

CORNER STONES.

On the 2nd of August, 1906, I laid the corner stone of the new lodge building of The Beaches Lodge, East Toronto. This lodge had received its Warrant one month before, and is one of the youngest lodges in the

jurisdiction. Its enterprise is an example to the older lodges.

On the 20th July last the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Fort William, Algoma District, was laid by R. W. Bro. Hollands, District Deputy Grand Master, acting for me.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued Dispensations to the respectable number of 267. For the information of Grand Lodges of some foreign jurisdiction on this continent, who issue very few, and cannot understand the occasion of so many issued by our Grand Lodge, I may say, to curtail all sorts of functions held under Masonic auspices, Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, enacted that there could be no Masonic function of a public character without a dispensation from the Grand Master. This was mainly done for the purpose of giving the Grand Master the circumspection and control of all public Masonic doings during his term, in order that no thoughtless or doubtful act would be performed under the guise of Masonry, and to keep all public doings of our lodges under healthful control.

GRAND LODGE OF VALLE DE MEXICO.

I have been asked whether we have or desire to have an exchange of Representatives with the above Grand Jurisdiction. In looking over the Grand Lodge proceedings I find representatives have been and are still exchanged with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and that we had a representative near the Grand Lodge of the Valley of New Mexico some years ago, but have not now.

I see no formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mexico. Our relationship with Greece ended with the death of M. W. Bro. Spry, in 1896; with St. Domingo, with the death of M. W. Bro. Klotz, in 1901; with Switzerland, by the death of R. W. Bro. Hamilton, in 1893; with Uruguay, in 1878; with New Granada, in 1883; with respect to the Grand Jurisdictions of Central America, Costa Rica and Venezuela, with whom we have had no exchange for about 25 years, I advise that all of them be dropped from our list. With respect to the others named I recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of M. W. Bro. Robertson, Chairman of the Sub.-Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to investigate and report.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. KING EDWARD
LODGE, NO. 464, SUNDERLAND.

I dealt with this matter very much in detail, being a question of jurisdiction. At the close of my remarks I said: "It is, of course, desirable that there should be, as far as possible, consistency between rulings, as well as continuity of policy in matters like this, of a Constitutional nature, and though the report of the Commission on the facts cannot be disputed, and though I have also been disposed to concur with their conclusions, it may be well to treat the matter as still open and to continue the correspondence with a view of avoiding misunderstandings with our Sister Jurisdictions, and such is my intention." Since our last communication I have received a letter from the Grand Master of British Columbia.

In my reply I said I had consulted one of my predecessors, who had ruled that any person from our Province who had completed a 12 months residence in another jurisdiction was beyond our control, and I stated that I had come to the conclusion that my predecessor was right, that the doctrine of "intention" was not an element, if the fact was, that the residence of 12 months had been elsewhere, then the material was lost to us, although the party had not resided within the jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge in that jurisdiction a sufficient time to qualify him for initiation in such lodge (according to our law), although Bro. Reid, the candidate, in his statement before the Commission, said he did not go to British Columbia to become a resident, but in the circumstances of the state of our law I thought King Edward Lodge might be relieved from any censure and from any imputation of intentional wrong doing when they accepted Mr. Reid's application. To this letter I have had no reply, and I hope the trouble has now been settled.

THE MASONIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

In January last a bill was sent me entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Masonic Protective Association of Canada," introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. (and Bro.) Parmalee, M. P. for Shefford, Quebec, to incorporate six persons of Granby in said county, together with such other persons as became shareholders in the association. I immediately consulted the Deputy Grand

Master and several Past Grand Masters, and with M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, went to Ottawa for the purpose of opposing the passage of the Bill, or to have it amended by the elimination of the word "Masonic." This Bill, if passed, empowered the company to do business throughout the Dominion. Remembering the unfortunate experience the Craft in our jurisdiction had with respect to two Masonic assurance companies, the members of Grand Lodge desired and determined, if possible, to prevent a recurrence of that experience, or to have any company or body of men use the word "Masonic" for business purposes.

The Ontario companies were essentially life assurance companies, as distinguished from the sickness, accident and death benefit plan, being contracts of indemnity. M. W. Bro. Murray and myself met Bro. Parmalee at Ottawa, and subsequently a deputation composed of Messrs. Parmalee and two of the promoters of the Bill (all Masons) came to see me at my home, and we went fully into the methods upon which their company were to do business, and thereafter it was agreed that they would consent to striking the word "Masonic" out of the name of the company, and thereupon further opposition was withdrawn. The Bill became law, the company being called "The Protective Association of Canada."

ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, NO. 293, JERUSALEM,
PALESTINE.

This lodge received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1893, and it being reported to Grand Lodge that irregularities and illegal acts were being committed, a charge was laid, and in 1902, one of the charges being sustained, Grand Lodge empowered the Grand Master to cancel the Warrant. It appears in the books of the late Grand Secretary, that in August, 1902, he wrote to Bro. Tadros, the Master, giving him full report of the action of Grand Lodge, and directing him to return the Warrant, books, papers, seal and other effects of the lodge. It does not appear that the Grand Master for that or any subsequent year cancelled the Warrant. The letter of the late Grand Secretary was not complied with. Complaint was made this year that the lodge was still working and continuing improper actions. Thereupon I wrote the Master of said lodge on the 25th March, 1907,

repeating the direction given by the late Grand Secretary, to return the Warrant, etc., to the Grand Secretary at once. I also cancelled the Warrant of the lodge, and so notified the Master, and directed that all the members of the lodge would thenceforth be unaffiliated Masons. I also issued a circular in the following words and instructed the Grand Secretary to send one to each Grand Jurisdiction in fraternal relationship with our Grand Lodge, which he reports he has done:

To all M. W. Masonic Grand Lodge Jurisdictions,
wheresoever situate throughout the world:

In the year 1902 the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, Palestine, holding its Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, No. 293, was cited to appear before the said Grand Lodge for certain specified charges and irregularities. The citation was duly received and acknowledged. The said lodge made default in appearance, and charge two being established the Grand Lodge, at its regular communication in July, 1902, empowered the Grand Master of said Grand Lodge to withdraw or cancel the Warrant of Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, G. R. C.

By virtue of such power in me vested, I, James H. Burritt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, have cancelled the said Warrant granted to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, and have directed that they forward said Warrant, lodge seal and records to the M. W. the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge of Canada. I have also directed that the members of said Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, shall henceforth be unaffiliated Masons.

Dated at Pembroke, Ontario, Canada,

This 25th day of March, A. D., 1907.

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

Up to the present time nothing has been heard from the Master nor any officer of the lodge, and it may be necessary, in the interest of Masonry in that land and the honor of Grand Lodge, for my successor to cause proceedings to be taken to recover our property, and if necessary and advisable to proceed against the Master, at least, and so I recommend.

RULINGS.

A ballot upon a candidate for initiation was passed by a lodge under dispensation, and only one black ball was cast. The Master declared the candidate rejected and my ruling was asked by a member of the lodge. A lodge under dispensation, having no by-laws approved by the Grand Master must abide by the Constitution in this matter at all events. Clause 194 governs this case. It says:

1. No person shall be initiated if more than one black ball appears; but a lodge may, by by-law, require the unanimous consent of the members, and therefore the declaration of rejection by the Master was wrong. I put the matter in the hands of the D. D. G. M. of the district for adjustment.

2. I ruled that every candidate must take the necessary obligations prescribed, and that an affirmation was not permissible.

3. Royal Arch Masons cannot legally appear in their regalia at a blue lodge meeting or function.

4. No dispensation can be granted to initiate a candidate under 21 years of age.

5. When can a petitioner withdraw petition? Ans. At any time before it has been received by the lodge.

6. A lodge is opened in the 3 degrees, business transacted, closed in the 3rd and 2nd, is it constitutional to open in the 2nd and 3rd again and confer the 3rd degree? Ans. Yes, for sufficient reasons and by the Master's direction, no by-law being infringed.

7. Is it necessary, after the Committee of General Purposes report upon a candidate, for a motion to be made to receive it? Ans. Yes.

8. Can a lodge by by-law appoint the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden on the Committee of General Purposes and elect 4 Past Masters and 6 Master Masons on said committee? Ans. No. Section 146 says a lodge may by by-law invest the Master with the privilege of appointing the Wardens and Secretary, or provide that all or some of the officers shall be elected; otherwise, by section 147, the Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, Tyler, two Auditors and an Examining Board, shall be elected. The members of the Committee of General Purposes are not officers because of such membership. Section 152 says the Master shall

appoint all officers who are not elective, and all standing committees. The committee mentioned is a standing committee.

9. Can an illegitimate man, born of free parents, be made a Mason? A. Yes.

10. Is a man with a cork leg eligible? Ans. No.

11. Is a man with left hand off at wrist eligible? Ans. No.

12. A Fellowcraft lost one leg and part of other foot, can he be raised? Ans. No.

13. Second finger of right hand gone. No disqualification.

14. A young man, living at home, at college, Toronto over three years, during terms, returning home during recess each year. Held that he has not acquired a Masonic residence at Toronto.

15. A young man, 7 years from home, in different Grand Jurisdictions at intervals; now at home, but not for one year. Held that he must complete his 12 months' residence at home or get the consent of the Grand Master where he completed his last 12 months' residence and a dispensation from the Grand Master here.

16. Has the Master of the lodge authority to ask another lodge to confer a degree or degrees on a member of the first lodge, without a resolution of the lodge? Ans. No, the lodge must make the request in the usual way, by resolution.

17. I was asked my opinion of the general practice of making Past Masters honorary members of their mother lodge. Ans. So far as Grand Lodge is concerned, by Section 218 it inferentially shows that conferring honorary membership should not be lightly dealt with, as it requires a three-quarter vote and with the restriction of a previous notice of motion. If all Past Masters were to be made honorary members the gift would become common and cease to stand out as a special mark, as I think it should.

CANVASSING FOR OFFICE.

For years my predecessors have condemned the system of open canvassing for office which obtains in Grand Lodge.

It may be impossible to prevent the brethren from urging the meritorious claim of any brother for a specified office, nor can I see much harm in this, within bounds

of reasonable solicitation, but personal canvas by any brother, either in Grand Lodge or out of it, for his own advancement, has always been and ought always to be severely censured.

I am sorry to have to report a case which has lately been put into my hands, but it is so flagrant, so contrary to the principles governing our Order, that I am compelled to make special reference to it.

A document sent me by a Past Master of a Western Ontario lodge, which he received through the post, is in type writing, soliciting the brother's vote and influence for the election of the author to an office in Grand Lodge at this communication, with a postscript that if the brother do not attend himself to please interview his proxy. This circular letter is not addressed to the Past Master, from which I infer it is more or less widespread. Surely the office should seek the man, and not the man the office. No. 4 of the Ancient charges says "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only." Office obtained by personal canvas is one of doubtful honor, and I trust these remarks, so painful for me to utter, but uttered from a strict sense of duty, will result in each brother taking the proper view of his position in the Craft, under the Ancient Charges, and waiting for his brethren to call him to a higher seat in the Councils of the Order.

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

In pursuance of your resolution last year to purchase a new set of Grand Lodge regalia, I appointed R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Senator Wm. Gibson, M. W. Bro. Malone and M. W. Bro. Allen for the purpose. This regalia adorns the Grand Lodge officers at this communication.

RE STEVENSON LODGE, JONES VS. WATSON, ET AL.

The facts of this case are fully referred to in the report of the sub-committee of Grievances and Appeals last year and adopted by Grand Lodge. By this decision the appeal was dismissed and my decision sustained, whereby certain officers were suspended for one year; the report, however, left the matter in my hands to deal with as fully as if it had not come before Grand Lodge. I had a meeting of all available Past Masters of the lodge called at Toronto on the 11th August last, and had a large number present. I told them my first desire was to preserve the

lodge as a whole, to effect which it would be necessary to have the most influential brethren co-operate. I then asked them if they were all willing to go back and shake hands over the breach and work in harmony in the future. A vote was taken, one more voting "no" than had voted "yes." This necessitated another suggestion, which is embodied in the summons hereinafter mentioned. The regular night for election of officers is in November, and I instructed the D. D. G. M. of the district to issue the following summons and to all members of the lodge : "Under and by virtue of a dispensation issued by me by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I hereby summon you to an emergent meeting of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., at the lodge room, Temple Building, Bay street, Toronto, on Monday, the 12th day of November, A. D., 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m. precisely. Fraternally yours, D. A. Radcliffe. Business: To elect officers, to fill all vacancies created by the suspension of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, to hold office until the next regular election held according to the by-laws of the lodge, or until sooner vacated from said offices by the M. W. the Grand Master, acting under the authority of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, having failed to effect a reconciliation between the opposing parties in the lodge, in order to prevent a wrecking of the lodge, proposes, at this meeting, at which he informs me he will be present, to have the individual members vote either for or against the stand taken by the suspended officers. In the result the M. W. the Grand Master proposes to have the majority retain the present Charter and the minority dimitt and petition for a new warrant. The assets to be divided as indicated by said vote, by a brother to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master. This expression of opinion will form part of the business at said meeting, the importance of which every brother of the lodge will fully appreciate. Failing this anticipated result, the future of Stevenson lodge is in jeopardy. Fraternally yours, D. A. Radcliffe, D. D. G. M. No. 11a. NOTE—It is to be hoped that every member of the lodge will be present at this meeting, as it is likely to be the most important meeting of the lodge since its formation, and it rests with the members themselves, not the Grand Master, if his suggestion will be carried out."

There were present at this meeting R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary;

M. W. Bro. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M. No. 111a; R. W. Bro. Donald, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, Grand Senior Warden, and V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith and C. A. B. Brown. The meeting was very large. After some discussion to get their bearings, it was moved, seconded and carried by every vote but two, "that this lodge adopt the suggestion of the M. W. the Grand Master to unanimously divide the lodge, and that the majority shall retain the present Charter, and the majority demit and petition for a new warrant. In the result of a division taking place the assets of the lodge shall be divided *pro rata*. If the lodges, after their division, cannot decide upon a proper distribution of the assets, then the Grand Master shall appoint one or more independent brethren to do so." The election of officers was then proceeded with (the minority refraining from voting), M. W. Bros. Malone and Murray and R. W. Bro. Harcourt acting as scrutineers.

Immediately after the election I invested the Secretary and instructed him to forward all minute, cash, bank and other books to the Grand Secretary, to be audited by R. W. Bro. Gunn, Auditor of Grand Lodge. A petition by the minority was signed that evening and I granted them a dispensation which was issued later on. Some delay was occasioned in getting the books in the hands of the auditor; he later issued his audit and report, copies of which were sent to the two bodies, who, thereupon, on the 1st March, 1907, entered into an agreement touching the details, signed by the Masters. The last clause in the agreement will give you an idea of how matters stood between them at this time. "Stevenson lodge agrees to make application to the Grand Lodge, if necessary, and to support any application to Grand Lodge at its next session in July, 1907, for a Charter or Warrant to Corinthian Lodge."

Corinthian Lodge started on its career with about 50 members, and has been taking in a respectable number of candidates since. Since I started to write this address I have been advised by the Grand Secretary that Corinthian Lodge, still under dispensation of course, has sent in to him the sum of \$174.00, being their full quota for \$3.00 each from 58 members of the lodge, to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

Upon being advised that all details had been settled, I,

on the 22nd March last removed the suspension from all the suspended brethren, and on the 7th April I received the following telegram from the Master of Stevenson Lodge, "Hearty invitation tendered you by Stevenson for Monday night next." Stevenson lodge has since been taking in a number of candidates.

Corinthian was inaugurated on the 10th January, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and many other prominent Masons being present. So ends this matter and so happily. May both lodges prosper.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the end of my first year this fund stood at the sum of \$30,389.29, and it now is \$38,358.25, leaving \$61,641.75 still to be contributed.

This meeting closes the last of the three years within which time Grand Lodge at Brockville in 1904, without a dissentient voice, promised to raise the \$100,000.00.

I have used all the persuasion, argument and what little eloquence I possess to have the brethren see their duty in this most meritorious undertaking, the relief of distress; I have exhausted every effort except that of closing my office, leaving my home and making a collecting tour throughout the jurisdiction.

Many lodges have done well, but you will be surprised when I tell you there are very many lodges, many of them financially strong, whose members have not, nor has the lodge, contributed one cent in the five years the scheme has been before us. In one district the majority of the lodges, when I last looked over the returns, had not contributed anything. Yet we must not despair, the money must be raised and will be, and I hand this determination to my successor, who, with his ready pen, persuasive methods and earnest conviction of the usefulness of and need of the fund, will do much to reach those I could not, and I will be glad to still do what I can to help him. Now brethren, there is only one other matter usually touched upon in the address of the Grand Master, that is, a list of his visits, but as this address is already long, and necessarily so, as it contains little else than business, I will not take up more of your time. I have been feted in many ways, fed in all sorts of good ways and at all hours, good and bad, by individual lodges and lodges in group, to such an extent that if possible for me to believe it was

all for me I would be selfish. These hospitalities were extended to me as your Grand Master.

No man who fills a Grand Master's chair can ever forget it, nor lose his interest in the Craft. My two years have been very happy, though fairly busy ones, and I leave the office with mingled feelings of gladness and regret. During those two years I have seen the higher ideals of Masonry growing in the lodge and in the Mason. May the Most High prosper us in the true work of our noble craft, sustain my successors in this high office in their efforts to make our Order grow in the right direction, making our light as a Grand Body so shine before men as will compel them to say that a good Mason is essentially a good man. Life in the individual, as in the community, large or small, is a history; we are all making history which cannot be recalled; let us then so co-operate in making that history, both in and out of the lodge, that each one of us may say, when the last summons reaches him, that he has done something for the good of others.

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The W. M. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. E. Harding and E. T. Malone.

M. W. Bro. W. R. White presented the following report on the question of assistance in the Grand Secretary's office.

REPORT.

The Special Committee appointed to deal with the question of assistance in the Grand Secretary's office begs leave to report as follows :

1. That, owing to advancing age and long and faithful services, the assistant of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Muir, be relieved from further service, and that Grand Lodge be requested to continue the present salary of \$800 per annum to Bro. Muir during life in recognition of his services faithfully and honorably performed during a period of 38 years.
2. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to retain the services of Bro. Thomas Pedler at a salary of \$800 per annum,

If Bro. Pedler's services are satisfactory to the Grand Secretary.

3. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to secure an additional assistant at a salary of \$600 per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

On motion of M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, the report was received and adopted.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario:*

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1907. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1907, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1907, with, by instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$1,461 50
Dues	18,429 15
Fees	9,727 00
Dispensations	430 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions, etc.	1,009 73
Commutation of dues	1,085 00
Miscellaneous	631 65

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account as follows :

Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4 per cent	\$120 00
Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6 per cent.	420 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00
Canada Permanent and Western Canada, \$10,000 at 4 per cent.	400 00
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent., for 6 months	200 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$5,000 at 4 per cent.	200 00

Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent. for 6 months	200 00	
Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$10,000 at 4½ per cent. for 6 months	218 75	
Canada Savings and Loan Co., \$5,000 at 4½ per cent.	206 24	
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., \$5,000 at 4½ per cent.	206 25	
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4½ per cent.	618 75	
Brantford debentures, \$8,000 at 4 per cent	320 00	
St. Thomas " \$1,538.12 at 4 per cent	61 52	
St. Thomas " \$1,599.64 at 4 per cent	63 99	
St. Thomas " \$1,633.63 at 4 per cent	66 55	
St. Thomas " \$1,730.17 at 4 per cent	69 21	
St. Thomas " \$1,799.38 at 4 per cent	71 98	
St. Thomas " \$1,871.35 at 4 per cent	74 85	
St. Thomas " \$1,946 35 at 4 per cent	77 85	
Toronto " \$2,433.33 at 4 per cent	170 32	
Interest on deposit in bank.	169 50	4,535 76
Total		<u>\$37,359 79</u>

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1906.			
June 13	Deposit	\$162 80	
" 18	"	224 00	
" 26	"	845 15	
" 28	"	1,137 10	
" 29	"	2,434 86	
" 30	"	1,485 10	
			\$6,289 01
July 3	"	907 70	
" 5	"	2,115 61	
" 7	"	2,241 15	
" 9	"	471 50	
" 10	"	793 25	
" 13	"	1,283 00	
" 13	"	564 50	
" 24	"	1,856 00	
" 30	"	298 00	
" 31	"	59 50	
			10,590 21
Aug. 6	"	122 75	
" 24	"	410 75	
" 31	"	118 75	
			652 25
Sept. 27	"	812 25	
" 29	"	94 25	
			906 50
Oct. 1	"	291 50	
" 2	"	360 00	
" 22	"	288 25	
" 31	"	120 75	
			<u>1,060 50</u>

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Nov.	1	Deposit	821 62	
"	16	"	195 75	
"	29	"	96 50	
				1,113 87
Dec.	9	"	182 25	
"	28	"	517 75	
"	31	"	1,854 41	
				2,554 41
1907.				
Jan.	2	"	733 00	
"	3	"	348 50	
"	4	"	430 75	
"	7	"	372 00	
"	10	"	1,184 00	
"	11	"	662 00	
"	15	"	594 62	
"	16	"	368 00	
"	17	"	235 50	
"	18	"	231 75	
"	21	"	324 75	
"	22	"	552 35	
"	25	"	765 75	
"	29	"	740 00	
				7,542 97
Feb.	1	"	571 25	
"	4	"	353 75	
"	11	"	638 00	
"	16	"	285 00	
"	28	"	515 50	
				2,363 50
March	4	"	181 00	
"	6	"	349 25	
"	14	"	397 50	
"	20	"	875 00	
				1,802 75
April	2	"	215 75	
"	4	"	164 75	
"	16	"	148 25	
"	16	"	157 60	
"	27	"	247 10	
				933 45
May	1	"	668 12	
"	9	"	334 50	
"	27	"	457 25	
"	29	"	17 50	
"	31	"	73 00	
				1,550 37
				<u>\$37,359 79</u>

For the year ending May 31, 1907.

Salary of Grand Secretary, one year, to March 31, 1907	\$2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer, one year, March 31st, 1907	200 00
Salary of Auditor, one year to March 31, 1907	300 00
Salary of office staff, one year, to May 31st, 1907	1920 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office.	1,000 00
Printing and Stationery	2,802 17
Copp, Clark Co., Certificates and Warrants	2,186 30
Bell Telephone Co.	57 00
Insurance.	64 52
Toronto-General Trust Co., safety deposit box.. . . .	25 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent.. . . .	460 00
Binding Books.	48 80
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Toronto.	1,071 20
Expenses of Committees and Delegates	74 70
Rolph, Clark & Co., Semi-Centennial Medals.	39 25
M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence	150 00
Chairman Benevolent Committee, postage, etc...	15 00
J. B. Nixon, Investigating Benevolent Grants	700 00
On account travelling expenses M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt.	647 96
Expenses for funeral wreaths, etc...	32 00
Masonic History.	33 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership in.. . . .	174 82
W. G. Eakins, Compiling Constitution	200 00
Total general charges	\$14,201 72
Grants for Benevolence	19,150 00
Grant to Jamaica Relief Fund	1,000 00
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	\$34,351 72

LIST OF BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. GRAND MASTER.

1906	July	7..	Century Lodge ..	No.	457,	Merlin.
"	July	14..	Dundalk Lodge ..	"	449,	Dundalk.
"	Aug.	25..	Tottenham Lodge ..	"	467,	Tottenham.
"	Oct.	8..	Galt Lodge ..	"	257,	Galt.
"	Nov.	17..	Ionic Lodge ..	"	461,	Rainy River.
"	Dec.	4..	The Beaches Lodge.	"	473,	Balmy Beach.
1907	Jan.	9..	Corinthian Lodge ..	"	101,	Peterborough.
"	Jan.	9..	The Builders Lodge.	"	177,	Ottawa.
"	Jan.	9..	Washington Lodge..	"	260,	Petrolia.
"	Jan.	19..	Victoria Lodge ..	"	474,	Toronto Junc.
"	Feb.	21..	Lebanon Lodge ..	"	133,	Exeter.

1907	Mar. 29..	Unity Lodge. . . .	No. 376, Huntsville.
"	April 15..	Cobden Lodge. . . .	459, Cobden.
"	April 26..	Zurich Lodge	224, Hensall.
"	April 29..	Zeredatha Lodge . .	220, Uxbridge.
"	April 29..	St. David's Lodge..	302, St. Thomas.
"	May 14..	Gore Bay Lodge . .	472, Gore Bay.
"	May 16..	Corinthian Lodge..	476, North Gower.
"	June 16..	Orient Lodge	339, Toronto.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED.

1906	July 11..	St. George's Lodge..	No. 367, Toronto.
"	July 12..	North Star Lodge . .	322, Owen Sound.
"	July 20..	Oriental Lodge	181, Port Burwell.
"	Sept. 5..	The Occident Lodge. "	346, Toronto.
"	Sept. 8..	Marmora Lodge. . . .	222, Marmora.
"	Oct. 15..	Fidelity Lodge	428, Port Perry.
"	Oct. 23..	St. John's Lodge. . .	75, Toronto.
"	Oct. 26..	St. John's Lodge. . .	20, London.
"	Nov. 1..	Bismarck Lodge. . . .	419, Point Edward.
"	Nov. 7..	Westport Lodge. . . .	441, Westport.
"	Nov. 10..	Waterdown Lodge..	357, Millgrove.
"	Nov. 22..	Bernard Lodge	225, Listowel.
"	Nov. 27..	Lorne Lodge.	282, Glencoe.
"	Dec. 18..	Mountain Lodge. . . .	221, Thorold.
"	Dec. 31..	True Britons Lodge. "	14, Perth.
1907	Jan. 9..	Humber Lodge. . . .	305, Weston.
"	Jan. 19..	St. John's Lodge. . .	209a London.
"	Jan. 19..	Civil Service Lodge.	148, Ottawa.
"	Feb. 8..	Verulam Lodge. . . .	268, Bobcaygeon.
"	Feb. 8..	Thistle Lodge	34, Amherstburg.
"	Feb. 21..	Fort William Lodge.	415, Fort William.
"	Mar. 1..	Zetland Lodge	326, Toronto.
"	Mar. 25..	Union Lodge.	9, Napanee.
"	Mar. 29..	St. David's Lodge . .	302, St. Thomas.
"	April 8..	New Dominion Ldg. . .	205, New Hamburg.
"	April 9..	Wellington Lodge . .	46, Chatham.
"	April 13..	Springfield Lodge . .	259, Springfield.
"	April 13..	Nickel Lodge.	427, Sudbury.
"	April 18..	Doric Lodge.	No. 233, Parkhill.
"	April 18..	Ontario Lodge	26, Port Hope.
"	April 23..	Alexandra Lodge . .	158, Oil Springs.
"	April 29..	Strict Observance . .	27, Hamilton.
"	May 3..	Harmony Lodge. . . .	57, Binbrook.
"	May 3..	St. Mark's Lodge. . .	105, Niagara Falls S.
"	May 14..	North Star Lodge . .	322, Owen Sound.
"	May 29..	Pythagoras Lodge . .	137, Meaford.
"	May 29..	St. George's Lodge..	367, Toronto.
"	June 4..	Dalhousie Lodge. . .	52, Ottawa.
"	June 5..	Florence Lodge. . . .	390, Florence.
"	June 7..	Zeta Lodge	410, Toronto.
"	June 10..	Tecumseh Lodge. . .	245, Thamesville.
"	June 25..	Kilwinning Lodge . .	64, London.
"	July 2..	The Builders Lodge. "	177, Ottawa.
"	July 2..	St. George's Lodge..	88, Owen Sound.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
July 3, 1906	402	Central ..	Essex Centre.	To install.
" 3, "	65	Rehoboam ..	Toronto ..	To hold a picnic.
" 3, "	249	Caledonian ..	Midland ..	To hold a special meeting.
" 4, "	155	Peterborough ..	Peterborough.	To initiate.
" 6, "	341	Bruce ..	Tiverton ..	Divine service.
" 10, "	120	Warren ..	Fingal ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	409	Golden Rule ..	Gravenhurst ..	Divine service.
" 14, "	234	Beaver ..	Clarksburg ..	Divine service.
" 14, "	383	Henderson ..	Winchester ..	To initiate.
" 19, "	304	Minerva ..	Stroud ..	Divine service.
" 19, "	115	Ivy ..	Beamsville ..	Divine service.
" 23, "	476	Corinthian ..	North Gower ..	To initiate.
Aug. 3, "	81	St. John's ..	Mt. Brydges ..	Divine service.
" 13, "	468	Peel ..	Caledon East ..	Divine service.
" 21, "	242	Macey ..	Mallorytown ..	To hold excursion.
" 21, "	388	Henderson ..	Iderton ..	To initiate.
" 23, "	196	Madawaska ..	Arnprior ..	Divine service.
" 30, "	272	Seymour ..	Ancaster ..	Divine service.
Sept. 4, "	456	Elma ..	Monkton ..	Divine service.
" 5, "	57	Harmony ..	Binbrook ..	Divine service.
" 5, "	97	Sharon ..	Queensville ..	To hold a concert.
" 11, "	34	Thistle ..	Amherstburg ..	Divine service.
" 13, "	45	Brant ..	Brantford ..	Memorial service.
" 19, "	295	Conestogo ..	Drayton ..	To raise within time.
				Divine service.

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DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Sept. 19, 1906	357	Waterdown...	Millgrove.	Divine service.
" 21, "	164	Star in the East ..	Wellington ..	Divine service.
" 25, "	291	Dufferin ..	W. Flamboro. .	Divine service.
" 27, "	121	Doric ..	Brantford. .	To pass & raise within time.
" 27, "	376	Unity ..	Huntsville ..	To elect.
Oct. 3, "	292	Robertson ..	King. .	Divine service.
" 4, "	387	Lansdowne ..	Lansdowne ..	Divine service.
" 9, "	237	Vienna ..	Vienna. .	Divine service.
" 11, "	410	Zeta ..	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 12, "	136	Richardson ..	Stouffville. .	Divine service.
" 15, "	430	Acacia. .	East Toronto. .	To initiate.
" 25, "	462	Temiscaming. .	New Liskeard .	Divine service.
" 26, "	266	Northern Light..	Stayner ..	To initiate.
" 31, "	223	Norwood ..	Norwood ..	To elect.
Nov. 1, "	367	St. George ..	Toronto ..	At Home.
" 2, "	220	Zeredatha ..	Uxbridge. .	To elect.
" 6, "	379	Middlesex. .	Bryanston ..	To elect.
" 6, "	34	Thistle ..	Amherstburg. .	To elect.
" 6, "	300	Mt. Olivet ..	Thorndale ..	To elect.
" 6, "	38	Trent. .	Trenton ..	To elect.
" 13, "	105	St. Mark's ..	Niagara Falls .	To elect.
" 13, "	334	Prince Arthur ..	Arthur. .	To elect.
" 14, "	468	Wales. .	Wales. .	To elect.
" 14, "	97	Sharon ..	Queensville..	To elect.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Nov. 14, 1906	173	Ayt.	Ayt.	To elect.
" 19, "	84	St. George's..	Owen Sound. .	At Home.
" 19, "	282	Lorne..	Glencoe ..	To initiate.
" 19, "	304	Minerva ..	Stroud.	To initiate.
" 19, "	140	Malahide..	Aylmer ..	To elect.
" 20, "	155	Enniskillen ..	York ..	To elect.
" 28, "	412	Keystone. .	Sault Ste. Marie	At Home.
" 28, "	195	Tuscan ..	London ..	At Home.
" 28, "	320	Chesterville..	Chesterville..	To elect.
" 29, "	55	Merrickville..	Merrickville..	To elect.
" 29, "	119	Maple Leaf..	Bath ..	To elect.
" 29, "	222	Mormora..	Marmora..	To elect.
" 29, "	266	Northern Light...	Stayner ..	To elect.
Dec. 3, "	11	Molra..	Belleville. .	To elect.
" 3, "	186	Plantagenet..	Plantagenet..	To elect.
" 3, "	31	Jerusalem ..	Bowmanville. .	To elect.
" 3, "	406	Spry ..	Fenelon Falls	To elect.
" 3, "	264	Chaudiere. .	Ottawa.	To elect.
" 3, "	159	Goodwood..	Richmond. .	To elect.
" 3, "	406	Coronation ..	Elmvale ..	To elect.
" 3, "	247	Ashlar. .	Toronto ..	To install.
" 4, "	10	Norfolk ..	Simcoe ..	To elect.
" 4, "	217	Frederick..	Delhi ..	To elect.
" 4, "	438	Harmony..	Toronto ..	To install.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Dec. 4, 1906	369	Mimico ..	Lambton Mills ..	To install.
" 4, "	449	Dundalk ..	Dundalk ..	To elect.
" 4, "	386	McColl. ..	West Lorne ..	To install.
" 4, "	149	Erle.	Port Dover ..	To elect.
" 4, "	166	Wentworth ..	Stoney Creek ..	At Home.
" 4, "	21a	St. John's. .	Vankleek Hill ..	To elect.
" 5, "	452	Avonmore. .	Avonmore ..	To elect.
" 5, "	249	Caledonian ..	Midland ..	To elect.
" 7, "	361	Waverley. .	Guelph ..	To install.
" 7, "	463	North Entrance. .	Hallburton ..	To elect.
" 7, "	312	Pnyx ..	Wallaceburg. .	To elect.
" 7, "	477	Harding. .	Woodville. .	To install.
" 8, "	50	Consecon. .	Consecon. .	To initiate.
" 8, "	168	Merritt ..	Welland ..	To elect.
" 8, "	164	Star in the East. .	Wellington ..	To elect.
" 8, "	396	Cedar. .	Warton ..	To elect.
" 11, "	234	Beaver. .	Clarksburg. .	To elect.
" 11, "	446	Granite ..	Fort Frances. .	To elect.
" 11, "	446	Granite ..	Fort Frances. .	To install.
" 13, "	52	Dalhousie. .	Ottawa ..	To elect.
" 13, "	216	Harris. .	Orangeville. .	To elect.
" 13, "	470	Victoria. .	Victoria Harbor. .	To elect.
" 14, "	101	Corinthian ..	Peterborough ..	To change hour.
" 14, "	81	St. John's. .	Mt. Brydges. .	To hold special.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Dec. 14, 1906	339	Orient	Toronto	To hold special.
" 14, "	126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	To elect.
" 14, "	337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To elect.
" 14, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	To elect.
" 17, "	193	Scotland	Scotland	To initiate.
" 17, "	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	At Home.
" 18, "	418	Maxville	Maxville	To elect and install.
" 18, "	387	Shuniah	Port Arthur	To hold special.
" 18, "	155	Peterborough	Peterborough	To change hour.
" 20, "	46	Wellington	Chatham	To install.
" 20, "	46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine service.
" 20, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold special.
" 21, "	425	St. Clair	Sombra	To elect.
" 21, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	To initiate.
" 24, "	149	Erle	Port Dover	To install.
" 26, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	To hold banquet.
" 26, "	341	Bruce	Thverton	To elect.
" 28, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	To install.
" 28, "	523	Alvinston	Alvinston	To install.
" 29, "	324	Temple	Hamilton	Divine service.
" 31, "	463	Coronation	Elmvale	To install.
" 31, "	78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	To initiate.
Jan. 2, 1907	459	Cobden	Cobden	To install.
" 3, "	44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Jan. 5, 1907	374	Keene...	Keene.	To install.
" 9, "	362	Maple Leaf...	Tara.	To install.
" 9, "	65	Rehoboam ..	Toronto	At Home.
" 9, "	346	The Occident ..	Toronto	At Home.
" 9, "	457	Century ..	Merlin.	To elect and install.
" 11, "	162	Forest ..	Wroxeter.	To initiate.
" 11, "	466	Coronation ..	Elmvale ..	At Home.
" 11, "	358	Vittoria ..	Vittoria ..	To elect.
" 12, "	383	Henderson ..	Winchester ..	At Home.
" 12, "	347	Mercer ..	Fergus.	To initiate.
" 15, "	394	King Solomon's ..	Thamesford.	At Home.
" 16, "	256	Farran's Point..	Aultsville.	To elect.
" 19, "	468	Peel ..	Caledon East	To initiate.
" 19, "	162	Forest ..	Wroxeter.	To initiate.
" 19, "	219	Credit...	Georgetown..	To install.
" 19, "	20	St. John's ..	London ..	At Home.
" 22, "	448	Xenophon ..	Wheatley ..	To install.
" 22, "	397	Leopold ..	Brigden ..	To initiate.
" 22, "	438	Harmony ..	Toronto ..	To initiate.
" 28, "	129	Rising Sun ..	Aurora ..	To initiate.
" 28, "	412	Keystone..	Sault Ste. Marie.	At Home.
" 28, "	2	Niagara ..	Niagara ..	At Home.
" 28, "	305	Humber ..	Weston ..	At Home.
" 29, "	212	Elysian ..	Garden Island..	To install.

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DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Feb. 1, 1907	165	Burlington	Burlington	At Home.
" 1, "	368	Salem	Brockville	At Home.
" 4, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	At Home.
" 7, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At Home.
" 7, "	105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	At Home.
" 18, "	9	Union	Napanee	To initiate.
" 18, "	468	Peel	Caledon East	To initiate.
" 20, "	5	Sussex	Brockville	To raise within time.
" 21, "	230	Kerr	Barrie	To initiate.
" 22, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	At Home.
" 23, "	9	Union	Napanee	To initiate.
Mch. 1, "	185	Enniskillen	York	At Home.
" 14, "	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	At Home.
" 14, "	197	Saugeen	Walkerton	To initiate.
" 19, "	20	St. John's	London	At Home.
" 19, "	387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	At Home.
" 20, "	316	Doric	Toronto	At Home.
" 22, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	At Home.
" 22, "	367	St. George	Toronto	At Home.
April 2, "	470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	Divine service.
" 4, "	23	King Solomon's	Toronto	At Home.
" 4, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	At Home.
" 8, "	30	Composite	Whitby	At Home.
" 8, "	6	Barton	Hamilton	At Home.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
April 10, 1907	329	King Solomon's.	Jarvis.	To initiate.
" 11, "	478	The Beaches.	Toronto	At Home.
" 13, "	76	Oxford.	Woodstock	Divine service.
" 16, "	92	Cataraqui.	Kingston.	To pass & raise within time.
" 18, "	290	Leamington.	Leamington.	To initiate.
" 19, "	450	Hawkesbury.	Hawkesbury.	To initiate.
" 22, "	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	To raise within time.
" 21, "	471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa.	Divine service.
May 1, "	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	To initiate.
" 1, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	To hold special meeting.
" 3, "	319	Hiram.	Hagersville.	Divine service.
" 15, "	382	Doric	Hamilton.	To hold excursion.
" 17, "	32	Amity.	Dunnville.	Divine service.
" 20, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound.	To hold excursion.
" 20, "	472	Gore Bay.	Gore Bay.	Divine service.
" 21, "	455	Doric.	Little Current	At Home.
" 23, "	447	Sturgeon Falls.	Sturgeon Falls.	Divine service.
" 25, "	56	Victoria	Sarnia.	Divine service.
" 29, "	157	Simpson.	Newboro.	To elect.
" 31, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine service.
" 31, "	223	Norwood.	Norwood.	Divine service.
" 31, "	194	Petrolia	Petrolia	Divine service.
" 31, "	297	Preston	Preston	To elect.
June 1, "	103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 3, 1907	465	Carleton..	Carp	Divine service
" 4, "	127	Frank ..	Frankford	Divine service.
" 4, "	400	Oakville..	Oakville	Divine service.
" 4, "	356	River Park	Streetsville..	Divine service.
" 6, "	120	Warren ..	Fingal.	To initiate.
" 6, "	352	Granite ..	Parry Sound..	Divine service.
" 7, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Divine service.
" 7, "	404	Lorne.....	Tamworth ..	Divine service.
" 7, "	133	Lebanon Forest.	Exeter.	Divine service.
" 8, "	3	Ancient St. John's..	Kingston....	To initiate.
" 11, "	65	Rehoboam ..	Toronto	To hold a picnic.
" 11, "	30	Composite ..	Whitby	Divine service.
" 11, "	108	Blenheim..	Princeton. ...	To install.
" 11, "	476	Corinthian ..	North Gower.	Divine service.
" 11, "	190	Belmont... ..	Belmont	Divine service.
" 12, "	343	Georgina..	Toronto	To install.
" 12, "	165	Burlington ..	Burlington ..	Divine service.
" 12, "	131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	To initiate.
" 13, "	324	Temple	Hamilton.....	To initiate.
" 13, "	129	Rising Sun ..	Aurora	Divine service.
" 13, "	196	Madawaska ..	Arnprior.....	Divine service.
" 14, "	201	Leeds.....	Gananoque ..	Divine service.
" 14, "	11	Molra.....	Belleville. ...	Divine service.
" 15, "	300	Mt. Olivet. ...	Thorndale ..	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 15, 1907	254	Clifton.	Niagara Falls	Divine service.
" 15, "	77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	Divine service.
" 15, "	6	Barton.	Hamilton.	Divine service.
" 15, "	115	Ivy.	Beamsville	Divine service.
" 13, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg.	Divine service.
" 17, "	5	Sussex.	Brookville	Divine service.
" 17, "	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine service.
" 17, "	141	Tudor.	Mitchell	Divine service.
" 17, "	75	St. John's.	Toronto	To initiate.
" 17, "	287	Shuniah	Port Arthur.	To install.
" 17, "	467	Tottenham	Tottenham	Divine service.
" 18, "	192	Renfrew	Renfrew.	Divine service.
" 18, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service.
" 18, "	97	King Hiram.	Ingersoll.	Divine service.
" 18, "	33	Maitland.	Goderich.	Divine service.
" 18, "	55	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	Divine service.
" 18, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound.	Divine service.
" 18, "	154	Irving.	Lucan.	Divine service.
" 20, "	120	Warren	Fingal.	Divine service.
" 20, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine service.
" 20, "	184	Old Light.	Lucknow.	Divine service.
" 20, "	18	Prince Edward.	Pictou.	Divine service.
" 20, "	83	Heaver	Strathroy.	Divine service.
" 20, "	441	Westport.	Westport.	Divine service.

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DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 20, 1907	458	Wales...	Wales...	Divine service.
" 20, "	251	Mountain...	Thorold...	Divine service.
" 20, "	258	Guelph...	Guelph...	To install.
" 20, "	474	Victoria...	Toronto Junction...	To install.
" 20, "	394	King Solomon's...	Thamesford...	Divine service.
" 20, "	41	St. George's...	Kingsville...	Divine service.
" 20, "	208a	St. John's...	London...	Divine service.
" 21, "	385	Spry...	Beeton...	Divine service.
" 21, "	379	Middlesex...	Bryanston...	Divine service.
" 21, "	454	Corona...	Burk's Falls...	Divine service.
" 21, "	295	Conestogo...	Drayton...	Divine service.
" 21, "	90	Manito...	Collingwood...	Divine service.
" 21, "	180	Speed...	Guelph...	To initiate.
" 21, "	126	Golden Rule...	Campbellford...	Divine service.
" 24, "	114	Hope...	Port Hope...	Divine service.
" 24, "	165	Burlington...	Burlington...	To initiate.
" 25, "	274	Kent...	Blenheim...	Divine service.
" 26, "	473	The Beaches...	Balmy Beach...	Divine service.
" 26, "	282	Lorne...	Glencoe...	To install.
" 26, "	420	Nipissing...	North Bay...	Divine service.
" 26, "	406	Spry...	Fenelon Falls...	Divine service.
" 26, "	236	Manitoba...	Cookstown...	Divine service.
" 28, "	224	Zurich...	Hensall...	To install.
" 28, "	376	Unity...	Huntsville...	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
" 29,	373	Copetstone	Welland	Divine service.
" 29,	421	Scott	Grand Valley	Divine service.
" 29,	414	Pequonga.	Kenora	Divine service.
" 30,	395	Parvalm.. . . .	Comber	Divine service.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND, 1906-1907.

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
24	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls	\$73 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	24 00
7	Union.	Grimsby	25 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	7 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls.	25 00
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	16 50
237	Vienna	Vienna	1 00
334	Prince Arthur.	Arthur	6 00
295	Conestogo.	Drayton.	25 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	66 00
133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	179 00
146	Prince of Wales.	Newburgh	13 00
315	Clifford.	Clifford	17 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	67 00
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills.	42 00
315	Clifford.	Clifford	2 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto	20 00
114	Hope.	Port Hope	15 00
77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	9 00
330	Corinthian.	London	5 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	10 00
267	Parthenon.	Chatham.	48 67
219	Credit	Georgetown.	10 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	56 00
45	Brant.	Brantford	75 00
91	Colborne	Colborne.	10 00
297	Preston.	Preston.	3 00
	Interest, Ottawa debentures to 21st September.		250 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	14 00
455	Doric.	Little Current	12 00
	Ottawa debentures, 32 days' interest.		20 79
271	Wellington.	Erin	18 50
65	Rehoboam.	Toronto	21 00
127	Franck.	Frankford	6 00
	Bank interest.		84 20
247	Ashlar	Toronto	50 00
2	Niagara.	Niagara.	20 00
462	Temiscaming.	New Liskeard.	5 00
114	Hope.	Port Hope	5 00
97	Sharon.	Queensville.	2 00
165	Burlington.	Burlington	9 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	50 00
468	Peel.	Caledon East	6 00
	Interest on St. Catharines debentures.		106 40
39	Mt. Zion.	Brooklin.	5 00
296	Temple.	St. Catharines.	50 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
421	Scott.	Grand Valley	55 00
	Interest, Peterborough debentures.		30 00
	Interest, Toronto debentures.		87 50
	Interest, Woodstock debentures.		180 00
64	Kilwinning.	London	7 00
426	Stanley.	Toronto Junction	11 00
329	King Solomon's	Jarvis.	9 00
276	Teeswater.	Teeswater	8 00
384	Alpha	Toronto.	22 00
449	Dundalk.	Dundalk.	1 00
435	Havelock	Havelock.	85 00
197	Saugeen.	Walkerton	20 00
468	Peel.	Caledon East	2 00
97	Sharon	Queensville.	11 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	23 00
158	Alexandra.	Oil Springs	6 00
304	Minerva.	Stroud	2 00
119	Maple Leaf.	Bath.	3 00
292	Robertson.	King.	12 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton.	56 00
30	Composite.	Whitby.	23 00
470	Victoria.	Victoria Harbor	33 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan.	3 00
272	Seymour.	Ancaster.	5 00
110	Central.	Prescott.	13 00
428	Fidellty.	Port Perry	48 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg.	12 00
110	Central.	Prescott.	50 00
166	Wentworth.	Stoney Creek	16 00
312	Pnyx.	Wallaceburg	21 00
330	Corinthian	London	2 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	27 00
362	Maple Leaf.	Tara.	16 00
289	Doric.	Lobo.	6 00
304	Minerva.	Stroud	2 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	7 00
26	Ontario.	Port Hope	37 65
	Interest on Ottawa debentures.		250 00
469	Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie.	52 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	5 00
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	40 00
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard.	67 00
392	Huron	Camlachie.	16 00
299	Victoria.	Centreville.	15 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston.	21 00
389	Crystal Fountain.	N. Augusta.	19 00
20	St. John's	London	105 00
42	St. George's.	London	30 50
195	Tuscan.	London.	23 00
378	King Solomon's	London	6 00
380	Union.	London	14 00
394	King Solomon's	Thamesford.	9 00
	London District No. 3, bank interest		4 75
88	St. George's.	Owen Sound	351 00

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
408	Murray	Beaverton	13 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	645 05
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	50 00
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	43 00
	Interest on St. Catharines debentures		106 40
324	Temple	Hamilton.	5 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	6 00
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	76 00
380	Union	London	23 00
	H. M. H. A., dividend on stock		4 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	4 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	3 00
	Bank interest		15 55
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			\$34,948 75

Amounts received since May 31st, 1907 :

61	Acacia	Hamilton.	6 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	3 00
87	Markham Union	Markham.	7 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston.	1 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	50 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound.	121 00
6	Barton	Hamilton.	433 20
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	3 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	58 00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	150 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	1 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	10 00
382	Doric	Hamilton.	330 50
258	Guelph	Guelph	125 00
368	Salem	Brockville	16 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	5 00
	Interest, Peterborough debentures		15 00
	Interest, Peterborough debentures		15 00
	Interest, Toronto debentures		87 50
424	Doric	Pickering.	11 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	1 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	38 00
225	Bernard	Listowel	19 00
30	Composite	Whitby	22 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	9 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	8 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	120 00
346	The Occident	Toronto	17 00
396	Parviam	Comber	15 50
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	45 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	8 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	6 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	6 00
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	44 00
257	Galt	Galt	6 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	8 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
18	Prince Edward	Picton.	4 00
104	St. John's.	Norwich.	34 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington.	29 00
245	Tecumseh.	Thamesville.	39 00
357	Waterdown.	Millgrove.	6 00
137	Pythagoras.	Meaford.	80 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	44 50
U.D.	Corinthian.	Toronto	174 00
38	Trent.	Trenton	18 50
91	Colborne.	Colborne.	116 00
220	Zeredatha.	Uxbridge.	7 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	74 80
56	Victoria.	Sarnia.	93 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	6 00
410	Zeta.	Toronto.	33 00
7	Union	Grimsby.	76 00
442	Dymont.	Thessalon	112 00
22	King Solomon.	Toronto.	32 00
121	Doric.	Brantford.	
216	Harris	Orangeville	61 00
283	Eureka	Belleville.	34 00
469	Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie	13 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	12 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	25 00
186	Plantagenet.	Plantagenet.	14 00
205	New Dominion.	New Hamburg.	10 00
446	Granite.	Ft. Frances.	20 00
229	Ionie.	Brampton	16 00
339	Orient	Toronto	37 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	19 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale.	19 00
177	Builders.	Ottawa	10 00
27	Strict Observance.	Hamilton.	205 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES TO 1907.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
2	Niagara.	Niagara	\$ 60 00
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston.	269 75
5	Sussex	Brockville	192 50
6	The Barton.	Hamilton	1,100 80
7	Union	Grimsby.	72 00
9	Union	Napanee.	88 50
10	Norfolk.	Simcoe	49 00
11	Moira	Belleville.	11 12
14	True Britons	Perth.	10 00
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	20 00
16	St. Andrew's.	Toronto	100 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg.	13 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton.	243 50
20	St. John's	London	130 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	53 00
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	373 50
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	78 75
24	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls	228 00
25	Ionc.	Toronto	1,146 59
26	Ontario.	Port Hope	203 15
27	Strict Observance.	Hamilton.	716 00
28	Mount Zion.	Kemptville	
29	United	Brighton.	
30	Composite.	Whitby	145 55
31	Jerusalem.	Bowmanville	207 00
32	Amity	Dunnville.	20 00
33	Maitland	Goderich.	82 14
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	1 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	84 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll.	100 00
38	Trent	Trenton	81 50
39	Mount Zion.	Brooklin	23 00
40	St. John's	Hamilton.	52 00
41	St. George's	Kingsville	29 00
42	St. George's.	London	77 00
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	
44	St. Thomas.	St. Thomas	152 00
45	Brant	Brantford	75 00
46	Wellington.	Chatham.	88 00
47	Great Western	Windsor	2 00
48	Madoc	Madoc.	
50	Consecon	Consecon.	
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	219 00
54	Vaughan	Maple.	21 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville.	40 00
56	Victoria.	Sarnia.	369 00
57	Harmony	Binbrook.	37 00
58	Doric	Ottawa	418 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	1,120 05
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia.	40 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place.	304 00
64	Kilwinning.	London	101 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	85 00
66	Durham.	Newcastle	28 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll.	9 00
69	Stirling.	Stirling	12 00
72	Alma	Galt	
73	St. James	St. Mary's	
74	St. James	South Augusta.	53 00
75	St. John's	Toronto	51 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	17 00
77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	343 00
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	
79	Slimcoe	Bradford.	
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	
82	St. John's	Paris.	32 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy.	75 00
84	Clinton.	Clinton	

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount
85	Rising Sun.. . . .	Athens	
86	Wilson.. . . .	Toronto	440 00
87	Markham Union	Markham	76 00
88	St. George's	Owen Sound.. . . .	387 00
90	Manito	Collingwood.. . . .	
91	Colborne	Colborne.. . . .	271 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston.. . . .	218 00
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	162 00
94	St. Mark's.. . . .	Port Stanley.. . . .	32 00
96	Corinthian.. . . .	Barrie.. . . .	312 00
97	Sharon	Queensville.. . . .	118 00
98	True Blue	Bolton	6 50
99	Tuscan.. . . .	Newmarket	
100	Valley	Dundas	179 00
101	Corinthian.. . . .	Peterborough	363 00
103	Maple Leaf.. . . .	St. Catharines	23 00
104	St. John's	Norwich.. . . .	164 00
105	St. Mark's.. . . .	Niagara Falls S	48 00
106	Burford.. . . .	Burford	
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth.. . . .	15 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton.. . . .	40 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	74 00
110	Central.. . . .	Prescott.. . . .	270 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	277 00
114	Hope.. . . .	Port Hope	51 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	62 25
116	Cassia	Theford.. . . .	10 00
118	Union	Schomberg	15 00
119	Maple Leaf.. . . .	Bath	158 00
120	Warren.. . . .	Fingal.. . . .	22 00
121	Doric.. . . .	Brantford	297 50
122	Renfrew.. . . .	Renfrew.. . . .	133 00
123	The Belleville.. . . .	Belleville.. . . .	31 00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall.. . . .	89 00
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	
127	Frank.. . . .	Frankford	58 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	387 00
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora.. . . .	34 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	26 00
133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter.. . . .	249 00
135	St. Clair.. . . .	Milton	25 00
136	Richardson.. . . .	Stouffville	42 00
137	Pythagoras.. . . .	Meaford.. . . .	179 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	94 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	161 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	45 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg.. . . .	
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	105 00
144	Tecumseh	Stratford.. . . .	
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook.. . . .	64 50
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	27 00
147	Mississippi.. . . .	Almonte.. . . .	159 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	178 00
149	Erle	Port Dover	29 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
151	The Grand River	Berlin	70 00
153	Burns	Wyoming	
154	Irving	Lucan	
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	448 50
156	York	N. Toronto	119 00
157	Simpson	Newboro'	12 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	48 50
159	Goodwood	Richmond	69 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	20 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter	
164	Star in the East	Wellington	91 00
165	Burlington	Burlington	95 00
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	37 00
168	Merritt	Welland	68 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	174 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth	18 00
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station	
172	Ayr	Ayr	14 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	25 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	219 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	3 00
180	Speed	Guelph	142 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	
184	Old Light	Lucknow	
185	Enniskillen	York	
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	32 00
190	Belmont	Belmont	
192	Orillia	Orillia	252 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	14 00
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	3 00
195	Tuscan	London	68 00
196	Madawaska	Arnprior	
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	84 00
200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	40 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	300 50
203	Irving	Elora	50 00
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	67 00
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	
209a	St. John's	London	258 50
209	Evergreen	Lanark	
212	Elysian	Garden Island	16 00
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	
216	Harris	Orangeville	196 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	1 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto	97 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	126 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	27 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	
222	Marmora	Marmora	72 00
223	Norwood	Norwood	194 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	
225	Bernard	Listowel	19 00
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	119 00
229	Jonic	Brampton	191 00

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No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount
230	Kerr	Barrie	51 00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	401 00
232	Cameron	Dutton	
233	Doric	Parkhill	
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	114 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	35 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	56 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	53 00
238	Havelock	Watford	
239	Tweed	Tweed	
242	Macey	Mallorytown	16 00
243	St. George	St. George	
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	49 00
247	Ashlar	Toronto	850 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	121 50
250	Thistle	Embro	
253	Minden	Kingston	85 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	22 70
255	Sydenham	Dresden	10 00
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	34 00
257	Galt	Galt	102 00
258	Guelph	Guelph	261 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	77 00
260	Washington	Petrolia	28 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	30 00
262	Harriston	Harriston	17 00
263	Forest	Forest	61 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	158 00
265	Patterson	Thornhill	37 00
266	Northern Light	Stayner	
267	Parthenon	Chatham	48 67
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	
269	Brougham Union	Brougham	1 00
270	Cedar	Oshawa	185 00
271	Wellington	Erin	39 50
272	Seymour	Ancaster	77 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	1 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	24 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	38 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	79 00
282	Lorne	Glencoe	
283	Eureka	Belleville	37 00
284	St. John's	Brussels	
285	Seven Star	Alliston	28 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	237 00
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	46 00
289	Doric	Lobo	6 00
290	Leamington	Leamington	64 85
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	30 00
292	Robertson	King	22 00
294	Moore	Courtright	35 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	60 00
296	Temple	St. Catharines	54 00
297	Preston	Preston	111 00

No.	Name of Lodge	Where Held.	Amount.
299	Victoria.. . . .	Centreville	15 00
300	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale	
302	St. David's.. . . .	St. Thomas	
303	Blyth.	Blyth.. . . .	50 00
304	Minerva.. . . .	Stroud	58 00
305	Humber.. . . .	Weston	1 00
306	Durham.. . . .	Durham.. . . .	71 00
307	Arkona.. . . .	Arkona	
309	Morning Star.. . . .	Smith's Hill.	119 00
311	Blackwood.. . . .	Woodbridge.. . . .	
312	Pnyx.. . . .	Wallaceburg	134 00
313	Clementi.	Lakefield	68 00
314	Blair.. . . .	Palmerston	51 00
315	CHfford.. . . .	Clifford	19 00
316	Doric.	Toronto.. . . .	85 00
318	Wilmot.. . . .	Baden	26 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	
320	Chesterville.	Chesterville.. . . .	48 00
321	Walker.. . . .	Acton W.	64 50
322	North Star.. . . .	Owen Sound	242 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	45 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	67 00
325	Orono.	Orono	99 00
326	Zetland	Toronto.. . . .	1 200 00
327	The Hammond.	Wardsville	
328	Ionic.. . . .	Napier	
329	King Solomon's	Jarvis	19 00
330	Corinthian	London	95 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	58 00
332	Stratford	Stratford	232 00
333	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Flesherton	153 00
334	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Arthur	25 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	8 00
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	23 00
338	Dufferin.	Wellandport.. . . .	7 00
339	Orient	Toronto	117 00
341	Bruce	Tiverton.. . . .	
343	Georgina	Toronto.. . . .	389 85
344	Merrill	Dorchester	34 00
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	14 00
346	The Occident.. . . .	Toronto.. . . .	162 05
347	Mercer	Fergus	25 00
348	Georgian	Penetang	120 00
352	Granite.. . . .	Parry Sound	101 00
354	Brock	Cannington	
356	River Park.. . . .	Streetsville	8 00
357	Waterdown.. . . .	Millgrove.	52 00
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	
359	Vittoria.. . . .	Vittoria.. . . .	30 00
360	Muskoka.	Bracebridge.	
361	Waverley	Guelph	404 00
362	Maple Leaf.	Tara	42 00
364	Dufferin.. . . .	Melbourne	14 00
367	St. George's.	Toronto.. . . .	205 00

No	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
368	Salem	Brockville	51 00
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	42 00
370	Harmony	Delta	
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	136 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	162 00
373	Copestone	Welland	
374	Keene	Keene	25 00
375	Lorne	Omeme	
376	Unity	Huntsville	34 00
377	Lorne	Shelburne	
378	King Solomon's	London W.	35 00
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	
380	Union	London	118 00
382	Doric	Hamilton	666 00
383	Henderson	W. Winchester	32 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	222 10
385	Spry	Beeton	32 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	18 25
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	14 00
388	Henderson	Ilderton	
389	Crystal Fountain	N Augusta	114 00
390	Florence	Florence	
391	Howard	Ridgetown	
392	Huron	Camlachie	39 00
393	Forest	Chesley	108 00
394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	9 00
395	Parvaim	Comber	24 00
396	Cedar	Warton	128 00
397	Leopold	Brigden	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	30 00
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	
400	Oakville	Oakville	129 00
401	Craig	Deseronto	12 00
402	Central	Essex	1 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	
404	Lorne	Tamworth	142 00
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	254 00
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	144 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	91 00
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	108 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	185 20
411	Rodney	Rodney	
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	179 00
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	1 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora	76 90
415	Fort William	Fort William	53 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	22 00
417	Keewatin	Keewatin Mills	60 00
418	Maxville	Maxville	
419	Bismarck	Point Edward	
420	Nipissing	North Bay	151 50
421	Scott	Grand Valley	190 00
422	Star in the East	Bothwell	
423	Strong	Sundridge	77 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
424	Doric.	Pickering	11 00
425	St. Clair.	Sombra	
426	Stanley.	Toronto Junction.	198 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury.	391 00
428	Fidelity.	Port Perry	48 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	26 00
430	Acacia	Toronto.	80 25
431	Moravian	Eden Grove.	
432	Hanover.	Hanover.	77 00
433	Bonnechere.	Eganville.	144 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale.	36 00
435	Havelock	Havelock.	167 00
436	Burns.	Hepworth	
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	47 00
438	Harmony	Toronto	
439	Alexandria.	Alexandria	
440	Arcadia.	Minden	135 50
441	Westport	Westport.	20 00
442	Dymont.	Thessalon	96 00
443	Powassen	Powassen	26 00
444	Nitetis	Creemore.	
445	Lake of the Woods.	Kenora	
446	Granite.	Fort Frances	150 25
447	Sturgeon Falls.	Sturgeon Falls.	17 00
448	Xenophon	Wheatley.	9 00
449	Dundalk.	Dundalk.	54 00
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	18 00
451	Somerville	Kinmount	56 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	24 00
453	Royal.	Fort William	98 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	90 00
455	Doric.	Little Current	147 00
456	Elma.	Monkton.	66 00
457	Century.	Merlin.	
458	Wales	Wales	138 00
459	Cobden.	Cobden	56 00
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	20 00
461	Ionic.	Rainy River.	109 00
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	76 00
463	North Entrance	Halliburton	49 00
464	King Edward.	Sunderland	17 00
465	Carleton.	Carp	25 00
466	Coronation.	Elmvale.	19 00
467	Tottenham.	Tottenham	15 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	30 50
469	Algoma.	Sault Ste. Marie	114 00
470	Victoria.	Victoria Harbor	59 00
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	106 00
472	Gore Bay.	Gore Bay.	33 00
473	The Beaches	Toronto	
474	Victoria.	Toronto Junction	40 00
475	Dundurn.	Hamilton.	
476	Corinthian	North Gower	
477	Harding.	Woodville.	

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
U.D. Bancroft	Bancroft.. . . .		
U.D. Milverton.. . . .	Milverton.. . . .		
U.D. Russell.. . . .	Russell		
U.D. Williamsburg.. . . .	N. Williamsburg		
U.D. Corinthian	Toronto.. . . .		174 00
U.D. Granton	Granton.. . . .		
Individual subscriptions.. . . .			40 73
Subscriptions from District 11			46 50
Subscriptions from District 11a			46 50
Subscriptions from District 14			1 50
H. M. H. A. Stock.. . . .			100 00
Interest			2,291 30

\$38,358 25

Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1907.

The balance at the credit of General Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1906, was.. . . .	\$3,298 92	
Less outstanding cheques.. . . .	1,470 00	
		<u>\$1,828 92</u>

During the year the following accounts have been received by me from the Grand Secretary, viz. :

Cash from lodges and sundries	\$32,824 03	
Interest on investments	4,366 26	
Interest on bank deposits.. . . .	169 50	
		<u>\$37,359 79</u>
Canada Permanent debenture redeemed		10,000 00
		<u>\$49,188 71</u>

The Expenditure during the year was as follows :

For general charges.	\$14,201 72
For benevolence.	20,150 00
	<u>\$34,351 72</u>

Brockville 4 per cent. debentures purchased, viz. :

Two, at \$5,000.00 and \$4,832.09	\$9,832 09
Less discount to pay 4½ per cent and 4¼ per cent. respectively.. . . .	333 90
	<u>9,498 19</u>
Total expenditure	<u>\$43,849 91</u>

Balance in Bank 31st May, 1907	\$5,773 80
Less outstanding cheques.. . . .	435 00
	<u>5,338 80</u>
	<u><u>\$49,188 71</u></u>

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1906.	
June 1—Balance as per balance sheet, 31st May, 1906..	\$111,844 08
1907.	
May 31—Received from Grand Secretary from interest on investments and from bank interest	37,359 79
	<u>\$149,203 87</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1906.	
June 1—Bell Telephone, account to December 1, 1906..	\$ 28 50
5—Grand Secretary's salary to June 30th, 1906..	500 00
5—Grand Treasurer's salary to June 30th, 1906..	50 00
5—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
5—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to June 30th, 1906..	115 00
19—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to June 30th, 1906..	66 00
19—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to June 30th, 1906..	50 00
19—Stenographer's salary to June 30, 1906	44 00
July 19—Expenses of Grand Lodge meeting at Toronto.	1,050 00
21—Spectator Printing Co., balance account	888 78
21—Copp, Clark Co., printing warrants ..	785 80
21—Robert Duncan Co., stationery.. . . .	119 25
21—Howell Lithographing Co., cheque books	36 00
21—A. C. Turnbull Co., stationery.. . . .	34 39
21—G. H. Lannigan, returns	12 00
21—Henry Robertson, Foreign Correspondence..	150 00
21—Grand Secretary, account incidentals..	500 00
21—J. H. Sootheran, agent United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co., premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
21—General Masonic Relief Association, annual subscription.	174 82

July	21—Grand Master, balance travelling expenses	147 96
	21—W. G. Eakins, compiling Index to Constitution	200 00
	21—Chairman "Benevolence," stamps, etc.	15 00
	21—Atwell, Fleming Co.	149 75
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to July 31st, 1906	67 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to July 31st, 1906	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to July 31, 1906	43 00
	26—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent investigation.	200 00
	Aug. 27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to August 31st, 1906	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to August 31st, 1906	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to August 31st, 1906.	43 00
	27—Thomas French, binding Proceedings.	36 80
	27—Rolph & Clark, A. A. Stevenson medal	33 25
	27—Brown Bros., 200 sheets of paper.	13 00
	Sept. 5—Grand Secretary's salary to September 30th, 1906.	500 00
	5—Grand Treasurer's salary to September 30th, 1906.	50 00
	5—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	5—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to September 30th, 1906.	115 00
	7—J. B. Nixon account, Investigation on Benevolence	20 00
	10—Grand Secretary, balance expenses Grand Lodge meeting	7 20
	14—Rolph & Clark, bar and pin, A. A. Stevenson	6 00
	14—Grand Secretary, account expenses Grand Lodge	4 00
	24—Grand Master, account expenses	250 00
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to September 30th, 1906	66 00
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to September 30th, 1906	50 00
	24—Stenographer's salary to September 30th, 1906	44 00
	28—Floral decoration, Bro. J. S. Dewar	32 00
	Oct. 1—J. B. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence	200 00
	11—Expenses, commission re Grand Lodge Lodge British Columbia v. King Edward Lodge, No. 464	27 55
	20—Bro. Nixon, balance Investigation Benevolence, 1906.	100 00
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to October 31st, 1906	67 00

Oct.	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to October 31st, 1906	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to October 31st, 1906	43 00
	26—Toronto General Trusts Company, rent of vault box to 20th September, 1907	25 00
Nov.	8—Bro. Pritchard, services as Tyler to Grand Lodge	10 00
	13—Expenses attending Committee on Regalia and Stevenson lodge and Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master	14 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November, 1906	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November, 1906	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 30th November, 1906	43 00
Dec.	3—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December, 1906	500 00
	3—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December, 1906	50 00
	3—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	3—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th December, 1906	115 00
	4—Bell Telephone, account to June 1st, 1907.	28 50
	10—Adam Cook, account for letter heads	4 00
	21—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st December, 1906	66 00
	21—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st December, 1906	50 00
	21—Stenographer's salary to 31st December, 1906	44 00
1907.		
Jan.	8—Reid & Co., printing	21 00
	8—Grand Secretary account, incidental expenses	500 00
	28—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st January, 1907	67 00
	28—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st January, 1907	50 00
	28—Stenographer's salary to 31st January, 1907.	43 00
	28—Copp, Clark & Co., account certificates and warrants	700 50
Feb.	9—Deputy Grand Master and Auditor's fees, Stevenson Lodge and Corinthian Lodge	28 40
	9—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 28th February, 1907	67 00
	9—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 28th February, 1907	50 00
	9—Stenographer's salary to 28th February, 1907.	43 00
	9—Spectator, on account printing	1,500 00

March	1—Grand Secretary, expenses Regalia Committee.	4 75
	1—Grand Secretary's salary.	500 00
	1—Grand Treasurer's salary.	50 00
	1—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	1—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1907	115 00
	9—Copp, Clark & Co., account	700 00
	23—Insurance premium, Alliance Assurance Co., office furniture.	30 60
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st March, 1907	66 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st March, 1907.	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to 31st March, 1907.	44 00
	27—Grand Master, account travelling expenses	250 00
April	5—Atlas Assurance Co., premium on regalia, furniture and books.	21 42
	13—Mackay's Masonic History	33 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 30th April, 1907	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th April, 1907	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1907.	43 00
May	9—Howell Lithographing Co., cheque books	36 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st May, 1907	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 31st May, 1907	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1907.	43 00
	27—Benevolent orders.	20,150 00
	Balance as per Balance Sheet.	114,852 15
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		\$149,023 87

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1907, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault where the debentures are deposited.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31st, 1907.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value at 4 per cent...	\$	3,000	00
Woodstock Debentures, face value at 6 per cent...		7,000	00
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co., at 4½ p.c.		15,000	00
Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent		10,000	00
The Landed Banking and Loan Co., at 4% p. c...		15,000	00
Canada Savings and Loan Co., at 4½ per cent...		5,000	00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., at 4½ p. c. . .		15,000	00
City of Brantford Debentures, at 4 per cent. . . .		8,000	00
St. Thomas Debentures, at 4 per cent...		12,148	50
City of Toronto, at 3½ per cent., to pay 4.05 p. c.		4,866	66
Brockville Debentures, face value, \$4,832.09 ; purchase to yield 4½ per cent., cost price ..		4,649	44
Brockville Debenture, face value \$5,000.00 ; purchase to pay 4% per cent., purchase price. . .		4,848	75
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		\$109,513	35

Current Account—

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce			
31st May, 1907.	\$5,773	80	
Less cheques not presented up to 31st			
May, 1907.....	435	00	
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		5,338	80
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		\$114,852	15

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ending 31st May, 1907 :

The balance at the credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1906, was..	\$ 3,814 83
Received from the Grand Secretary during the year ending 31st May, 1907 ..	\$8,331 92
Interest on investments	1,148 59
Interest on bank deposits	99 75
Dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock, value \$100, standing in the name and held by the Grand Secretary	4 00
	<hr/> 9,584 26
	<hr/> \$13,399 09

The expenditure during the year ending 31st May, 1907, was as follows :

Oshawa debentures..	\$ 5,272 13
St. Catharines debentures..	5,201 00
Balance in bank	2,925 96
	<hr/> \$13,399 09

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 1907.**Debentures—**

City of Toronto	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock	4,000 00
City of Ottawa	10,000 00
City of Peterboro..	2,000 00
Stock in Hamilton Masonic Hall..	100 00
City of St. Catharines, to pay 4¼ per cent, cost..	5,201 00
Town of Oshawa, to pay 4½ per cent	5,272 13
Balance at credit of Current Account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1907	2,925 96
	<hr/> \$34,499 09

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1906-1907

**PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.**

June 1906	June 1906
25 Rev. C. L. B. . . . \$50 00	10 Bro. W. C. 25 00
25 Miss E. A. McK . . 25 00	10 Bro. S. M. 25 00
25 Mrs. W. M. W. . . . 75 00	10 Wid. R. W. 10 00
25 Miss M. W. 75 00	10 Wid. E. S. 15 00
25 Miss M. H. H. . . . 18 75	10 Dau. R. W. McK . . 20 00
25 Mrs. T. D. H. . . . 75 00	10 Bro. W. H. 25 00
25 Bro. R. 50 00	10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of
August	R., Kingston, for
10 Wid. G. S. M. . . . 20 00	dau. J. D. 25 00
10 Wid. J. V. 20 00	10 Wid. J. M. 25 00
10 Wid. W. C. S. . . . 30 00	10 Wid. J. W. 10 00
10 Wid. A. S. 15 00	10 Wid. J. T. 10 00
10 Wid. S. R. 30 00	10 Wid. J. W. 15 00
10 Uranda, G. Dau. Z.	10 Wid. W. J. A. . . . 20 00
M. P. 10 00	10 Bro. W. J. McC. . . 25 00
10 Chloe, Gr. Dau. Z.	10 Bro. W. P. 15 00
M. P. 10 00	10 Bro. E. H. B. . . . 50 00
10 Wid. W. J. W. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. H. L. K. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. G. R. B. . . . 25 00	10 Wid. W. T. 20 00
10 Wid. J. J. 25 00	10 Wid. T. E. 15 00
10 Wid. S. M. R. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. J. H. 10 00
10 Wid. G. P. 30 00	10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of
10 Sister J. McP. . . . 10 00	R., London, for
10 Bro. W. G. 25 00	Wid. A. F. 100 00
10 Wid. T. H. W. . . . 25 00	10 Wid. J. W. 15 00
10 Wid. R. A. K. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. W. F. S. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. G. S. 25 00	10 Wid. T. W. H. . . . 20 00
10 Frances, dau. M. N. 10 00	10 Wid. T. G. S. . . . 10 00
10 Wid. R. G. 20 00	10 Wid. T. G. McL. L. 15 00
10 Mrs. C. A., sister T.	10 Bro. D. W. V. . . . 50 00
H. B. 15 00	10 Wid. G. C. 20 00
10 Wid. E. H. 20 00	10 Wid. A. J. 20 00
10 Wid. J. K. 25 00	10 Wid. R. L. 10 00
10 Wid. J. F. H. . . . 15 00	10 Wid. W. J. S. . . . 15 00
10 Wid. A. M. 15 00	10 Mother C. M. . . . 10 00
10 Wid. R. M. K. . . . 15 00	10 Wid. J. W. 15 00
10 Wid. A. S. D. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. J. LeC. 10 00
10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	10 Wid. J. L. Y. . . . 10 00
R. H. for Bro.	10 Wid. W. P. 15 00
J. W. 10 00	10 Wid. G. T. 20 00
10 Wid. A. E. McD. . . 20 00	10 Wid. L. G. J. . . . 10 00
10 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	10 Wid. T. B. 10 00
R. H. for Bro.	10 Wid. J. E. M. . . . 50 00
J. B. S. 40 00	10 Wid. W. A. W. . . . 20 00
10 Bro. R. T. S. . . . 25 00	10 Wid. W. H. S. . . . 10 00

June 1906	June 1906
10 Wid. W. B. 20 00	10 Wid. F. S. B. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. D. G. 20 00	10 Wid. R. D. M. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. P. G. 20 00	10 Wid. R. P. 15 00
10 Wid. J. E. 20 00	10 Wid. J. M. 10 00
10 Wid. J. L. H. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. A. R. P. . . . 30 00
10 Wid. W. T. D. . . . 40 00	10 Wid. J. T. G. . . . 25 00
10 Wid. J. W. McD . . . 20 00	10 Wid. A. W. 20 00
10 Dau. W. K. 10 00	10 Wid. G. C. P. . . . 30 00
10 Wid. W. G. S. R. . . 10 00	10 Wid. R. H. D. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. W. F. 20 00	10 Wid. T. R. 15 00
10 Wid. J. B. 25 00	10 Wid. J. McK 25 00
10 Wid. W. L. 10 00	10 Wid. R. H. 10 00
10 Wid. W. M. H. . . . 40 00	10 Wid. G. F. 80 00
10 Wid. H. H. 20 00	10 Wid. J. R. L. S. . . 15 00
10 Wid. A. H. 15 00	10 Wid. S. R. 15 00
10 Wife of S. M. D. . . 20 00	10 Wid. A. B. 50 00
10 Wid. F. S. B. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. G. H. B. . . . 30 00
10 Wid. T. J. B. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. J. O. 25 00
10 Wid. J. McK 15 00	10 Mother J. O. 10 00
10 Son of J. L. 25 00	10 Wife F. D. 25 00
10 Wid. A. L. 20 00	10 Wid. A. G. 15 00
10 Wid. W. M. 10 00	10 Wid. G. H. McI. . . 30 00
10 Wid. A. M. 10 00	10 Wid. H. J. C. . . . 10 00
10 Wid. T. S. S. . . . 10 00	10 Wid. J. W. H. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. G. S. 20 00	10 Wid. F. W. S. . . . 25 00
10 Wid. C. W. M. . . . 20 00	10 W. M. Alpha Lodge, 384, for Bro. R. C. 25 00
10 Bro. R. H. G. . . . 50 00	10 Bro. J. T. T. . . . 30 00
10 Wid. W. B. 20 00	10 Wid. W. E. H. . . . 40 00
10 Wid. H. C. 20 00	10 Dau. W. B. S. . . . 20 00
10 Wid. C. D. McD. . . 25 00	10 Bro. H. E. B. . . . 75 00
10 Wid. G. H. N. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. T. V. 20 00
10 Sister W. C. 30 00	10 Wid. S. B. 15 00
10 Wid. W. M. 30 00	10 Bro. M. G. R. . . . 75 00
10 Wid. F. C. 10 00	10 Dau. W. W. 20 00
10 Bro. H. O. H. . . . 75 00	10 Wid. J. M. 20 00
10 Bro. E. G. 75 00	10 Wid. H. H. 25 00
10 Wid. L. Y. 20 00	10 Wid. F. M. B. . . . 30 00
10 Wid. G. S. 25 00	10 Wid. J. S. 20 00
10 Wid. W. H. S. . . . 20 00	10 Bro. A. J. McK. . . 150 00
10 Wid. W. J. 25 00	10 Wid. A. C. 20 00
10 Sec-Treas L. B. of R., Toronto, for Stanley, orphan S. P. 10 00	10 Wid. J. A. 15 00
10 Sec-Treas L. B. of R., Toronto, for Bro. J. H. 75 00	10 Dau. J. C. 50 00
10 Wid. J. L. H. . . . 15 00	10 Wid. M. C. B. . . . 50 00
10 Wid. T. A. 25 00	10 Wid. J. M. S. . . . 15 00
10 Sec-Treas L. B. of R., Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M. . . . 75 00	10 Wid. J. B. 30 00
10 Bro. T. G. 75 00	10 Wid. R. A. D. . . . 40 00
10 Wid. G. T. P. . . . 20 00	10 Wid. G. S. P. . . . 50 00
	10 Wid. W. B. W. . . . 25 00
	10 Bro. S. R. 75 00
	10 Wid. J. S. B. . . . 25 00
	10 Bro. B. B. 75 00
	10 Wid. T. H. S. . . . 30 00

June 1906

10 Bro. A. C.	50 00
10 Wid. B. E. T. B. . .	25 00
10 Wid. M. F. H. . . .	10 00
10 Bro. A. K.	75 00
10 Wid. A. DeP.	20 00
10 Sister E. C.	50 00
10 Wid. E. W.	25 00
10 Bro. H. R.	25 00
10 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00
10 Wid. B. U.	20 00
10 Wid. C. A.	15 00
10 Bro. F. M.	50 00
10 Wid. E. K.	15 00
10 Ethel, dau. J. J. . .	15 00
10 Wid. D. L. C.	15 00
10 Wid. B. E.	25 00
10 Wid. A. C.	25 00
10 Wid. S. H. V.	15 00
10 Wid. H. E.	40 00
10 Wid. W. J. S.	25 00
10 Wid. W. J. C.	20 00
10 Bro. W. E.	75 00
10 Bro. J. M.	25 00
10 Bro. F. C. M.	75 00
10 Bro. G. C.	25 00
10 Wid. J. W. S.	20 00
10 Wid. D. R.	40 00
10 Wid. J. B.	20 00
10 Wid. G. W. W. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. J. E.	20 00
10 Wid. C. F. R.	40 00
10 Wid. A. C. C.	15 00
10 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00
10 Bro. J. P.	25 00
10 Wid. G. G.	10 00
10 Wid. S. T.	30 00
10 Wid. M. J. L.	10 00
10 Wid. W. E. K.	15 00
10 Mrs. A.J.S., mother J. B. C.	50 00
10 Wid. D. S.	30 00
10 Wid. J. G. L.	50 00
10 Wid. C. G.	15 00
10 Wid. T. J. J.	20 00
10 Bro. C. R.	50 00
10 Wid. J. C.	20 00
10 Bro. W. S.	25 00
10 Wid. J. H.	20 00
10 Bro. J. F. R.	75 00
10 Wid. J. W.	30 00
10 Wid. W. A.	15 00
10 Wid. J. S.	15 00
10 Wid. G. R. R.	20 00
10 Wid. G. W.	10 00

June 1906

10 Wid. D. S.	10 00
10 Wid. C. B. B. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. P. R. D. . . .	10 00
10 Wid. W. E. S. . . .	15 00
10 Bro. J. S.	75 00
10 Dau. C. B.	10 00
10 Wid. G. S.	20 00
10 Wid. T. G. B. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. S. A.	20 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, for orphans of C. M. . .	30 00
10 Wid. J. F.	50 00
10 Wid. J. A. McI. . .	25 00
10 Dau. T. L.	20 00
10 Wid. J. A. P. . . .	15 00
10 Wid. J. R.	30 00
10 Bro. G. W. A. P. . .	50 00
10 Wid. J. A.	50 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 131, Southamp- ton, for Bro. J.P. . .	75 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 136, Stouffville, for Bro. J. C. . . .	25 00
10 Wid. S. L.	25 00
10 Bro. W. F.	25 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, for Bro. R. C. W. . . .	50 00
10 Wid. W. E. J. . . .	25 00
10 Wid. J. A.	50 00
10 Hattie, dau. J. R. S.	25 00
10 Wid. R. G.	10 00
10 Wid. W. C.	25 00
10 Bro. T. W.	50 00
10 Wid. L. N.	25 00
10 Wid. A. S.	50 00
10 Wid. A. S.	30 00
10 Bro. W. Y.	50 00
10 Wid. J. McL.	25 00
10 Wife of W. K. . . .	30 00
10 Wid. J. P.	50 00
10 Wid. J. Z.	15 00
10 Wid. W. S.	20 00
10 Wid. F. B. P. . . .	15 00
10 Wid. D. S. L. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. R. H. W. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. J. A. S. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. E. S.	15 00
10 Wid. D. McN. . . .	20 00
10 Wid. D. L.	25 00
10 Wid. J. W.	20 00
10 Bro. F. McE. . . .	25 00

June 1906

10 Dau. G. McE	20 00
10 Wid. W. A. C.	15 00
10 Wid. W. W. P.	25 00
10 Wid. R. C.	15 00
10 Wid. G. W. A.	20 00
10 Bro. R. V.	50 00
10 Wid. E. D.	20 00
10 Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
10 Bro. C. L.	15 00
10 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
10 Wid. H. R.	30 00
10 Wid. O. Y.	20 00
10 Wid. J. M.	10 00
10 Wid. F. B.	10 00
10 Wid. W. B. S.	25 00
10 Wid. A. A. M.	25 00
10 Bro. J. B.	75 00
10 Wid. C. C. G.	25 00
10 Bro. H. H.	25 00
10 W. B. G. H. W., P. M. Lodge No. 348 for Bro. G. A. F. C.	40 00
10 Wid. A. A. N.	25 00
10 Wid. F. C.	20 00
10 M. W. Bro. H. M., C. S., for Bro. C. L. B.	75 00
10 Wid. J. E. E.	15 00
10 Wid. R. A. P.	25 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 373, Welland, for youngest orphan C. A. L. M. C.	15 00
10 Bro. W. McK	25 00
10 Bro. J. C.	25 00
10 Bro. S. D.	75 00
10 Wid. B. C.	50 00
10 Wid. P. C.	40 00
10 Wid. L. M. L.	15 00
10 Bro. R. G.	50 00
10 W. M. Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, for Wid. J. C.	20 00
10 Wid. A. C.	20 00
10 Bro. A. J.	75 00
10 Bro. W. B.	40 00
10 Wid. J. P.	40 00
10 Wid. J. P. G.	30 00
10 Bro. G. R. McL.	75 00
10 Bro. C. S.	75 00
10 Bro. G. H. B.	25 00
10 Bro. T. P.	25 00
10 Wid. M. McC	30 00

10 Wid. W. B.	20 00
10 Wid. R. E.	15 00

June 1906

10 M. W. Bro. A. A. S., Montreal, for Wid. A. B.	50 00
31 By order 1098, over- charged, 2 May, 1906	10 00

September

23 W. M. Lodge No. 154, Lucan, for funeral expenses W. R. R.	40 00
24 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
24 Miss W.	75 00
24 Miss H.	18 75
24 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
8 Mrs. J. W. F., wid. late Bro. J. N. F.	50 00

October

15 Bro. R. A.	50 00
16 Bro. R. H. G.	50 00

November

5 Bro. F. P.	50 00
26 Wid. C. A. M.	50 00
26 Bro. G. W. B. C.	50 00

December

4 S. J. A. (dau. R.)	50 00
10 Mrs. H. J. S.	50 00
10 Bro. V. A.	50 00

August

10 Bro. W. G. S. dup.	20 00
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December

22 Mrs. R. W. L.	40 00
31 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
31 H. W. and Miss W.	75 00
31 Miss M. A. H.	18 75
31 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
15 Sec. Colborne, acct. fun. exp. J. P.	25 00

February 1907.

1 Bro. G. A. C.	50 00
1 Wid. G. S. M.	20 00
1 Wid. J. V.	20 00
1 Wid. W. C. S.	30 00
1 Wid. A. S.	15 00
1 Wid. S. R.	30 00
1 Urania, Gr. Dau. Z. M. P.	10 00
1 Chloe, Gr. Dau. Z. M. P.	10 00
1 Wid. W. J. W.	20 00
1 Wid. G. R. B.	25 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

February 1907

1	Wid. J. J.	25 00
1	Wid. S. R. M.	20 00
1	Wid. G. P.	30 00
1	Sister J. McP	10 00
1	Bro. W. G.	25 00
1	Wid. T. H. W.	25 00
1	Wid. R. A. K.	20 00
1	Wid. G. S.	25 00
1	Frances, orph. M.N.	10 00
1	Wid. R. G.	20 00
1	Mrs. C. A., sister T. H. B.	15 00
1	Wid. E. H.	20 00
1	Wid. J. K.	25 00
1	Wid. J. F. H.	15 00
1	Wid. A. M.	15 00
1	Wid. R. M. K.	15 00
1	Wid. A. S. D.	20 00
1	Sec.-Treas L. B. of R., Hamilton, for Bro. J. W. fun. expenses.	10 00
1	Wid. T. E. McD	20 00
1	Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Hamilton, for Bro. J. B. S.	40 00
1	Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
1	Bro. W. C.	25 00
1	Bro. S. M.	25 00
1	Wid. R. W.	10 00
1	Wid. G. S.	15 00
1	Dau. K. W. Mck.	20 00
1	Bro. W. H.	25 00
1	Sec.-Treas L. B. of R., Kingston, for dau. J. D.	25 00
1	Wid. J. M.	25 00
1	Wid. J. W.	10 00
1	Wid. J. T.	10 00
1	Wid. J. W.	15 00
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1	Wid. G. C.	20 00

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1	Wid. W. J. S.	15 00
1	Mother C. M.	10 00
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1	Wid. W. A. L.	20 00
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1	Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Peterboro, for Bro. R.H.G.	50 00
1	Wid. W. B.	20 00
1	Wid. H. C.	20 00
1	Wid. C. D. McD	25 00
1	Wid. G. H. N.	20 00
1	Sec.-Treas L. B. of R., Peterboro, for Sister W. C.	30 00
1	Wid. W. M.	30 00
1	Wid. F. C.	10 00
1	Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
1	Bro. E. H.	75 00

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1 Wid. L. Y.	20 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00
1 Wid. W. H. S.	20 00
1 Wid. W. J.	25 00
1 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Toronto, for Orphan S. P. Stanley	10 00
1 W. M. Lodge No. 22, Toronto, for Bro. J. H.	75 00
1 Wid. J. L. H.	15 00
1 Wid. T. A.	25 00
1 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of R., Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M. (11 Oregon).	75 00
1 Bro. T. G.	75 00
1 Wid. G. T. P.	20 00
1 Wid. F. S. B.	20 00
1 Wid. R. D. M.	20 00
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1 Wid. J. McK.	25 00
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1 Wid. S. R.	15 00
1 Wife A. B.	50 00
1 Wid. J. H. B.	30 00
1 Wid. J. O.	25 00
1 Mother J. O.	10 00
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1 Wid. G. M. McI.	30 00
1 Wid. H. J. C.	10 00
1 Wid. J. W. H.	20 00
1 Wid. F. W. S.	25 00
1 W. M. Lodge No. 384, Toronto, for Wid. R. C.	25 00
1 Bro. J. T. T.	30 00
1 Wid. W. E. H.	40 00
1 Dau. W. B. S.	20 00
1 Bro. H. E. B.	75 00
1 Wid. T. V.	20 00
1 Wid. S. B.	15 00
1 Bro. M. G. R.	75 00

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1 Dau. W. W.	20 00
1 Wid. J. M.	20 00
1 Wid. H. H.	25 00
1 Wid. F. M. B.	30 00
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1 Wid. A. C.	20 00
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1 Wid. M. F. H.	10 00
1 Bro. A. K.	75 00
1 Wid. A. DeP.	20 00
1 Sister E. C.	50 00
1 Wid. E. W.	25 00
1 Bro. H. R.	25 00
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1 Wid. W. B. Z.	20 00
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1 Bro. F. M.	50 00
1 Wid. E. K.	15 00
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1 Wid. M. J. L.	10 00
1 Wid. W. E. K.	15 00

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1 Mrs. A. J. S., mother	
J. B. C.	50 00
1 Wid. J. G. L.	50 00
1 Wid. C. G.	15 00
1 Wid. T. J. J.	20 00
1 Bro. C. R.	50 00
1 Wid. J. C.	20 00
1 Bro. W. S.	25 00
1 Wid. J. H.	20 00
1 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
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1 Wid. G. S.	20 00
1 Wid. T. G. B.	20 00
1 Wid. S. A.	20 00
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phans C. M.	30 00
1 Wid. J. F.	50 00
1 Wid. J. A. M.	25 00
1 Dau. T. L.	20 00
1 Wid. J. A. P.	15 00
1 Wid. J. R.	30 00
1 Bro. G. W. A. P.	50 00
1 Wid. J. A.	50 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
131, Southamp-	
ton, Bro. J. P.	75 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
136, Stouffville,	
Bro. J. C.	25 00
1 Wid. S. L.	25 00
1 Bro. W. E.	25 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
140, Aylmer, for	
Bro. R. W.	50 00
1 Wid. W. E. J.	25 00
1 Wid. J. A.	50 00
1 Hattie, dau J. R. S.	25 00
1 Wid. R. G.	10 00
1 Wid. W. C.	25 00
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1 Wid. A. S.	30 00
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1 Bro. C. L.	15 00
1 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
1 Wid. H. R.	30 00
1 Wid. O. Y.	20 00
1 Wid. J. M.	10 00
1 Wid. F. B.	10 00
1 Wid. W. B. S.	25 00
1 Wid. A. A. M.	25 00
1 Bro. J. B.	75 00
1 Wid. C. C. G.	25 00
1 Bro. H. H.	25 00
1 W. Bro. G. H. W.,	
P. M. Lodge 348,	
Penetang, for	
Bro. G. A. F. C.	40 00
1 Wid. A. A. N.	25 00
1 Wid. W. G. S.	20 00
1 Wid. F. C.	20 00
1 H. M., Gr. Sec., for	
C. L. B.	75 00
1 Wid. J. E. E.	15 00
1 Wid. R. A. P.	25 00
1 W. M. Lodge No.	
373, Welland, for	
orphans C. A. L.	
W. C. 2 youngest	15 00
1 Bro. W. McK	25 00
1 Bro. J. C.	25 00
1 Bro. S. D.	75 00
1 Wid. B. C.	50 00

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1	Wid. P. C.	40 00
1	Wid. L. M. L. . . .	15 00
1	Bro. R. G.	50 00
1	W. M. Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, for Wid. J. C. . .	20 00
1	Wid. A. C.	20 00
1	Bro. A. J.	75 00
1	Bro. W. B.	40 00
1	Wid. J. P.	40 00
1	Wid. F. P. G. . . .	30 00
1	Bro. G. R. McL. . .	75 00
1	Bro. C. S.	75 00
1	Bro. H. G. B. . . .	25 00
1	Bro. T. P.	25 00
1	Wid. M. McC. . . .	30 00
1	Wid. W. B.	20 00
1	Wid. R. E.	15 00
1	M. W. Bro: A. A. S. for Wid. A. B., P. G. M.	50 00
1	Wid. D. C. A. . . .	50 00

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1	Wid. J. W.	30 00
1	Wid. M. McL. . . .	50 00
1	Bro. E. J. A., King- ston, Jamaica, donation, suffer- ers	1000 00

March

5	Wid. J. D. R. . . .	50 00
9	Bro. A. B.	40 00
15	Widow J. W. W. . .	40 00
15	Mrs. W.	75 00
15	Miss W.	75 00
15	Miss H.	18 75
15	Mrs. H.	75 00

April

8	Bro. R. C.	30 00
8	Bro. W. R. S. . . .	25 00

May

10	Wid. C. M.	50 00
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E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1 for the year ending June 24th, 1907.

I wish in the first place to express my most sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor which they have conferred upon me in electing me to the position of D. D. G. M. and for the great kindness and courtesy which has been extended to me on the occasions of my official visits, and under all circumstances when I have had the honor of representing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master I have been very greatly assisted in my work by the co-operation of my predecessors wherever I have met them, and more especially so by R. W. Bros. Crumb and Worth, to whom I have repeatedly looked for council. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been always quick to respond with his advice, while the M. W. the Grand Secretary has made my way easy by enlightening me upon many debatable points. I have visited each lodge in the District, and am very much pleased to be able to report so favorably of the work done.

Our increase numerically has been satisfactory, while at the same time watchfulness of the ballot has prevented the admission of considerable undesirable material. There has been very little to disturb the peace and harmony of the lodge rooms, and at the close of the Masonic

year I believe that throughout the District the best of Masonic feeling prevails.

I have found in some lodges great want of knowledge of the provisions of the Constitution, and in some cases even of the by-laws of the lodge. Initiates have been presented with the old Book of Constitution instead of the revised. A little study along this line on the part of officers would render unnecessary much of the correspondence between secretaries and the D. D. G. M.

I have not failed to bring to the attention of the brethren of every lodge the claim upon them of the Semi-Centennial Fund—in some instances receiving assurances that increased support would be forwarded, while in other lodges it seemed almost impossible to arouse their interest.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:

Bro. John H. West, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham; Bros. Harold Barnes and Wm. E. Coleman, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor; Bros. R. M. Thompson and A. Armstrong, Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim; Bro. John Fisher, Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg; Bros. F. J. Mayhew and B. Boothroyd, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Under the warrants of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, and Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, I called a Lodge of Instruction in the beautiful new Masonic Temple at Chatham on February 6th, 1907, and I have to thank the brethren of the district for the large number who responded to the call. The temple was filled to its utmost capacity and almost every lodge in the district was represented. Occupying seats in the East were such distinguished members of the Craft as R. W. Bros. Crumb, Worth, Hickey and Webster, P. D. D. G. M.'s, and R. W. Bro. Hodgins, P. G. Chaplain, besides many of the Masters and Past Masters of the District. At 2 p. m. the first degree was exemplified by Lorne Lodge, No. 282, of Glencoe, W. Bro. Foncar, Past Master, acting as Master, owing to the illness of the W. M., W. Bro. Elliott. W. Bro. Foncar deserves special thanks for coming to our assistance with only a single day's notice, thereby pre-

venting a most serious disappointment. At 5 p. m. Century Lodge, No. 457, of Merlin, exemplified the second degree under W. Bro. Oliver, the W. M. of the lodge, after which was held a short meeting of Past Masters, W. Masters, and Wardens. At 7.45 p. m. the lodge was opened in the third degree by Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, of Chatham, and at this stage of the proceedings I had the honor of presenting to R. W. Bro. Crumb, my immediate predecessor, on behalf of Erie District No. 1, the regalia of a Past District Deputy. The R. W. brother, on rising to respond, was most heartily greeted by the brethren, thus showing the high position he occupies as a worker and teacher in the Craft. Next followed the examination of a visitor in open lodge, R. W. Bros. Crumb and Worth acting as a Board of Examiners, and R. W. Bro. Hodgins as the visitor proved himself more than ordinarily expert in a very searching examination. The third degree was then exemplified by Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, under the guidance of W. Bro. Pike, the W. M. The work in each degree was exceedingly well done and was highly appreciated by all present. Many points were brought up for discussion, and I think it was generally conceded that as a Lodge of Instruction our gathering was a decided success. At the conclusion of the work a banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren by Wellington and Parthenon Lodges in the magnificently appointed banquetting hall adjoining the lodge room. W. Bro. Geo. Massey presided over the toast list, which brought to a close a most interesting, and I trust profitable, meeting. My most sincere thanks are due to the brethren who assisted with the work, and especially to the Wellington and Parthenon lodges for our hearty reception and most liberal entertainment.

The thanks of the brethren of the District are due to the members of the Regalia Committee, W. Bro. Miers, of Windsor Lodge, and W. Bro. Russell, of Great Western Lodge, for their labors in connection with this fund. A P. D. D. G. M.'s apron has been purchased and is now awaiting presentation to R. W. Bro. Miller, now of Hamilton, a P. D. D. G. M. of the old St. Clair District.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: Visited October 25, 1906. I made the first of my official visits to this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. John Stewart, of Thamesville.

We arrived about half an hour late and found the brethren already at work. The W. M., W. Bro. Elliott, with a most efficient staff of officers, conferred the third degree in a manner which was above criticism, and with a splendid impression upon the candidate. The lodge in every way is in a most prosperous condition, and with R. W. Bro. French at the secretary's desk there is no danger but that the business end of the work will be well looked after. Although nothing has as yet been forwarded to the Grand Secretary on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, there is a snug little sum on hand for that purpose only awaiting an early increase, which I am assured will be forthcoming before next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: Visited November 8, 1906. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Albertson and Bros. Sherman and Hubbell, of Thamesville, and had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Carscallen in his mother lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. W. L. Bedell, very ably conferred the second degree, supported by an energetic staff of officers. The Senior Deacon received well merited words of appreciation from the visiting brethren, and all the officers evinced a keen desire to excell in their work. Just a little more attention to detail will place Sydenham Lodge among the best workers in the District.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: Visited November 27, 1906. There was a small attendance, owing in part, no doubt, to the bad condition of the roads and threatening weather, the W. M. himself being among the absentees. W. Bro. Snellgrove occupied the Master's chair and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The Fellowcraft degree was conferred by W. Bro. Aitcheson, who is one of the old standbys of the lodge, and who did the work remarkably well for one not steadily in harness. It was quite evident, however, that practice has been greatly neglected of late, and there is not that enthusiasm which we find in other lodges. Hammond Lodge is at considerable disadvantage in that its members are much scattered, the W. M. living at Cairo, nine miles away, and the Secretary at Newbury, three miles distant from the lodge room. There is need of a guiding hand near by, and a great opportunity awaits the incoming W. M. The material is on hand and the brethren are whole-souled Masons, ready to give a good

account of themselves just as soon as their energy is aroused. I was glad to meet my old friend W. Bro. H. A. Wilson, in his mother lodge. He is every inch a Mason and "held in high estimation by his brethren and fellows."

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: Visited November 28, 1906. The W. M., W. Bro. Geddes, occupied his place in the East and conferred the Fellowcraft degree. My predecessor had reported perfection in the work of this lodge, and I am pleased to know that such a reputation is at present in safe hands. I was delighted with the interest and enthusiasm exhibited by the brethren, from the oldest P. M. to the Tyler. There was a free discussion of the work of each degree, more especially as to minor details, perfection being the aim of the W. M. Some misunderstandings as to the S. C. Fund having been cleared up through correspondence with the Grand Secretary the brethren expressed their intention of giving it their support.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: Visited November 30, 1906. A candidate having failed to put in an appearance the W. M., W. Bro. Campbell, opened and closed in the several degrees. There was a free discussion in each degree, and the floor work was in part exemplified, and I feel assured that the beautiful lessons of Freemasonry are properly impressed upon all candidates who are brought to light in Parvaim lodge. The lodge room is a model of perfection and the brethren take a just pride in its appearance.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: Visited December 10, 1906. I had intended visiting Kent Lodge at the November meeting, but by request postponed my visit until this date in order that I might officiate as Installing Master. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Best and Bros. Currie, Sherman and Hubbell, of Thamesville. A large number of the brethren were in attendance, with W. Bro. Pickering in the East. The lodge has since last meeting suffered a very severe loss in the sad and untimely death of the late Secretary, Bro. R. M. Thompson, who lost his life in a storm while duck shooting at Rondeau. A candidate for further advancement was in attendance, but it was thought better to devote the short time at our disposal to a discussion of the work in the several degrees. Opening and closing were very accurately done by the

retiring W. M. and the newly installed Master respectively, and great interest was manifest on the part of the Wardens and other officers of the lodge. I feel assured that the officers to whom was intrusted the government of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months will give a good account of their stewardship.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited December 27, 1906. By invitation I officially visited my mother lodge to perform the duties of Installing Master. There was a good turnout of the brethren and much enthusiasm was exhibited. W. Bro. Best, the I. P. M., has greatly encouraged his junior officers in the matter of practice, and the officers-elect are therefore well qualified. I expect to give a glowing account of the work done in this lodge by W. Bro. Currie and his staff, on the occasion of my official visit in the near future. A neat little addition was subscribed toward the S. C. Fund.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited January 2, 1907. I had the very great pleasure of meeting on this occasion my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Crumb, as also R. W. Bro. Hodgins, P. G. Chaplain. Although the evening was very wet and disagreeable a large number of the brethren were in their places. The W. M., W. Bro. Pike, although suffering from the effects of an attack of la grippe, conferred the first degree in a most impressive manner. He was assisted by a most efficient staff of officers, and all the work was exceedingly well done. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees and there was a free discussion in the work of each. Not much has yet been done towards the S. C. Fund, but better things are hoped for, and I expect to find Parthenon Lodge holding a creditable place in the list when the returns are all in.

Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin: Visited January 23, 1907. There being no degree work on the W. M., W. Bro. Oliver, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and with a volunteer candidate exemplified the second degree in a manner which was very creditable to himself and to each of his officers, the Senior Deacon especially distinguishing himself, after which were discussed many minor points of the floor work. This was also the night of election of officers, and I feel assured that Bro. Neal, who was promoted to the East from the Senior Warden's chair will skilfully perform the duties

of his high office. This lodge is the youngest in the District and is not yet quite thoroughly equipped.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: Visited January 25, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Bailey, opened and closed in the three degrees, and the I. P. M., W. Bro. G. F. Reycroft, conferred the second degree in a very pleasing and impressive style. This was the first meeting after installation, and the new officers did their work very well indeed, though I do like to see the newly installed Masters put on the work themselves. A most pleasing feature of the evening was the conferring of honorary membership upon W. Bro. Henry Watson and Bro. Thos. Mickle, two of the aged members of the lodge who have so labored as to "merit the esteem and applause of the brethren." W. Bro. Watson in a very touching manner gave a brief outline of the history of the lodge, of which he was the first installed Master, and for which he has done such work in the early days as ought to stimulate all younger Masons to greater efforts.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: Visited January 28, 1907. The W. Master being ill, the I. P. M., W. Bro. Watt, occupied the East and conferred the third degree. The work was very well done, considering the recent date of installation, and with such practice as should be I have no doubt but that the new officers will discharge their duties in a manner worthy of the reputation of Pnyx Lodge. This lodge has not only paid a very considerable sum for relief, but has subscribed more liberally to the S. C. Fund than any other lodge in the District. A great deal of credit is due to the energetic Secretary, Bro. E. E. Parker, for the fact that there are no arrearages of dues.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: Visited January 29, 1907. Owing to a misunderstanding as to railroad connections I was unable to reach the lodge on time and was compelled to leave early. I was, however, with the brethren long enough to witness the conferring of the second degree by W. Bro. French and his officers, and to say that I was pleased with the work would hardly express the whole truth. When one considers that this was the first regular meeting after installation and that the work could hardly be improved upon, it inspires one with the wish that the provision of the Constitution as to the Master-elect being able to do all the work before be-

ing installed should be insisted upon. Every part of the candidate thoroughly posted, and the W. M. fully alive to the fact that lessons indelibly impressed upon the mind of the candidate are chiefly important.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: Visited February 8, 1907. Accompanied by Bro. Charles Hubbell, of Thamesville, I drove to West Lorne on this date. We arrived somewhat late and found that the business part of the work had already been completed. About fifty brethren were present, including visitors, several of whom were of the Cameron Lodge, of the London District. I had the honor and very great pleasure of being introduced by R. W. Bros. Milner, P. D. D. G. M. of London District, and Webster, of Erie District. The W. M., W. Bro. Petherick, faultlessly conferred the third degree, and every officer took his part with earnestness and ability. Very appreciative and encouraging remarks were made by R. W. Bro. Milner and many other visitors.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: Visited February 22, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Bowlby, conferred the first degree with a great deal of accuracy and impressiveness, after which the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and the work of each freely discussed. Each officer deserves special mention, as every part of the work was exceedingly well done. Windsor Lodge is fortunate in having an excellent organist and many good voices, which add greatly to the beauty of the ceremonies. I was much pleased to meet here R. W. Bros. Wigle and Paine, each of whom as D. D. G. M. has done so much to bring about the satisfactory condition of Masonry in the District. Many visitors were present from Great Western and other lodges, including several of the brethren from Detroit.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Visited February 26, 1907. In the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Johnston ruled the lodge and conferred a first degree. The work was well done and the junior officers exhibited keen interest. This was the only lodge in the district which was not opened in the second and third degrees upon the occasion of my official visit, and as a consequence discussion of the work was very limited, the brethren joining early in a fourth degree.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: Visited February 28, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Healy presiding,

conferred a second degree very creditably, this being the first meeting after his installation and therefore his first work in the East. Each officer took his part splendidly, and all that is necessary is sufficient practice to gain confidence in their abilities. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees, and the work in each discussed with an interest that proved that the brethren are determined to attain as nearly to perfection as possible. Only a small amount has as yet been forwarded for the S. C. Fund, but an effort will be made to increase it before next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited March 26, 1907. A candidate for initiation having failed to put in an appearance, the W. M., W. Bro. Cullen, called for a volunteer and exemplified the first degree, after which the lodge was raised to the third degree and the whole work freely discussed. All the work was well done and the brethren evinced much interest and enthusiasm in Masonry. The lodge room is one of the finest in the district and is very beautifully furnished. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Hilliard, P. D. D. G. M., in his mother lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: Visited March 28, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. F. J. Voaden, conferred the first degree and raised the lodge to the third. Three members were examined as to their proficiency in the first and each proved himself thoroughly posted. A class of eight received the lecture on the tracing board from Bro. Zimmerman, the J. W., who has no superior in the District. R. W. Bro. Allworth, P. D. D. G. M., who was for so many years the main stay of the lodge, and who is so favorably known throughout the District, was present and assisted with the work. A very satisfactory discussion followed. Altogether the work of this lodge is a credit to the District.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: Visited April 11, 1907. The sublime degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Gatfield, and his officers in such a manner as called forth many words of appreciation from visiting brethren who were present from Detroit, Amherstburg, London, and several other towns. The Deacons deserve special mention, while the Wardens and all officers work without any hesitation, though accuracy as to wording might possibly be improved upon. The

Windsor brethren have not contributed as largely to the S. C. Fund as had been expected, but I believe that a better feeling now prevails, so that with an extension of time and a D. D. G. M. with greater persuasive powers they may be relied upon to do their part. R. W. Bro. Geo. E. White, P. D. D. G. M., very ably officiates at the Secretary's desk.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: Visited April 22, 1907. Accompanied by several officers and brethren of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, I visited Howard Lodge on this date. The W. M., W. Bro. D. G. Crawford, conferred the second degree. There was a small attendance, so that several of the offices had to be filled by P. M's. The Secretary and J. W. were in their places and are both very efficient officers. There is, however, evidence of a lack of the old-time enthusiasm for which Howard Lodge was noted. Practice has been neglected, and as a result, although each officer acquitted himself fairly well individually, there was not the smooth harmony which is so necessary of the candidate is to be properly impressed.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: Visited April 24, 1907. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Pye, of Thamesville, and was introduced to the Bothwell brethren by R. W. Bro. Hickey, P. D. D. G. M., who has long been the guiding star of the lodge. Some of the chairs were filled *pro tem* by P. M's. The sublime degree was beautifully exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Ellwood, who delivered the work in an exceptionally pleasing and impressive manner.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Visited April 25, 1907. I am very much pleased to be able to report that this lodge during the year has taken on new activity and is now ranking as to work and enthusiasm among the best in the District. A great deal of credit is due to W. Bro. Bodkin, the I. P. M., for his untiring efforts during the past few years. R. W. Bro. Hickey, of Bothwell, has also greatly assisted the officers through his advice and co-operation. Two candidates were initiated, two others were in waiting, and three applications were read. The W. M., W. Bro. Snary, delivers the work with great accuracy, and is ably assisted by each of his officers. Perseverence in practice and careful selection and training of the brethren who are to have the future govern-

ment of the lodge are necessary, and its future prosperity is assured. Among the visiting brethren present were R. W. Bro. Park, of Oil Springs, P. D. D. G. M. St. Clair District; W. Bros. Currie, of Thamesville, and Ellwood, of Bothwell.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: Visited May 6, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Mussen, with a careful and well trained staff of officers, conferred the third degree in a manner highly creditable not only to the lodge but to the District. Each officer, from the Tyler up, seemed anxious to do his level best to make the work impressive and free from that jarring which is so noticeable when careful attention to the minor details is neglected. This is the mother lodge of R. W. Bro. Crumb, and his guiding hand is largely in evidence. I hope to see Wellington Lodge favorably mentioned in the S. C. Fund report.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited June 19, 1907. There was a small attendance of the members, due in part, no doubt, to the very warm weather, but several of the brethren of McColl Lodge, No. 386, including R. W. Bros. Milner and Webster, drove over from West Lorne. The W. M., W. Bro. Patterson, with his officers, among whom were several appointed *pro tem*, conferred the first degree. The lodge room was excessively hot and the circumstances not such as to inspire the workers. W. Bro. Patterson has an easy and impressive way of speaking, and the Junior Warden's charge was well delivered, but "perseverance is necessary to establish perfection," and the officers must have practice if they hope to work together in harmony and thereby fully exemplify the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry. W. Bro. Albertson, of Thamesville, accompanied me on this visit.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: Visited June 24, 1907. On the invitation of W. Bro. Pike I visited Parthenon Lodge and installed the officers. A very pleasant evening was spent. The brethren presented to W. Bro. Pike, the I. P. M., a beautiful Past Master's apron, and expressed their high appreciation of the "skill and ability" with which he had managed the affairs of the lodge during the last twelve months. The Master-elect, W. Bro. Draper, and his officers are fully qualified for their promotion, and altogether prospects are encouraging for the ensuing Masonic year.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: Visited June 25, 1907. I reserved my official visit to my mother lodge until the end of the Masonic year, though I had several times had the privilege of witnessing the work of the officers since their installation and knew that they would acquit themselves with "honor and reputation." The W. M., W. Bro. Currie, occupied his chair in the East and raised the lodge to the third degree. A candidate for further advancement was just ready to be admitted when I was summoned to attend professionally at the deathbed of our Chaplain. Bro. Boothroyd, who was a most enthusiastic Mason, had been ill only a few days, and his sudden removal to the Grand Lodge above is a distinct loss to the Craft. Fortunately R. W. Bro. Worth, P. D. D. G. M., was in the lodge room and he very kindly consented to act for me. The evening was very warm, and a fire which destroyed the G. T. R. depot in the village greatly interrupted the proceedings and altogether a less favorable opportunity for putting on good work could hardly be imagined. R. W. Bro. Worth, however, reports to me that in the main it was well done. W. Bro. Currie was deliberate, calm, impressive and dignified, and he deserved credit for the manner in which he concluded his duties under such trying circumstances. The R. W. brother pointed out the importance of careful attention to detail and accuracy as to wording, and complimented the brethren on the prosperous condition of the lodge.

In conclusion I have only to say that my constant aim has been to fulfil the duties of my high office to the utmost of my ability. Wherein I have failed it has been through incompetency and not from lack of good intention. While the work has at times been very hard and done at no little personal sacrifice, yet it has been such as I shall always look back to with a good deal of pleasure and with a knowledge that I, myself at least, have been greatly benefited through my personal contact with the brethren.

R. N. FRASER, D. D. G. M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Degre's Conf'd		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		M. M.	A. M.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meet'gs held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
			Total.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.		Regular.	Emergent.																				
34	Thistle	Amherstburg.	84	19	14	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	30	90	\$11.00	98	\$141.95	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 600 00	
41	St. George's	Kingsville.	109	7	12	17	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	29	28	\$11.00	94	113.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	3000 00	
46	Wellington	Chatham.	187	14	17	17	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	45	33	\$11.00	46	338.10	April 2, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	400 00	
47	Gt. West'n	Windsor	388	19	30	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	29	41	\$0.00	50	600.00	Jan. 12, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
345	Tecumseh.	Thamesville.	68	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	15	\$0.00	3	80.30	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
345	Sydenham.	Dresden.	74	9	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	16	19	\$0.00	3	59.75	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
367	Parthenon	Chatham.	141	16	13	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	17	20	\$0.00	46	394.50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
374	Kent.	Blenheim.	93	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	18	25	\$0.00	...	394.50	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
382	Lorne.	Glencoe.	60	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	18	25	\$0.00	...	101.85	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
390	Leamington	Leamington.	124	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	20	20	\$0.00	98	101.85	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
319	Phyx	Wallacburg.	91	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	20	20	\$0.00	...	101.85	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
387	Hammond	Highgate	58	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	19	19	\$0.00	16	86.25	Jan. 7, '07	Good	Good	No	Full	
396	McCull	West Lorne	77	8	8	8	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	19	18	\$0.00	7	335.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
390	Florence	Florence.	29	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	13	15	\$0.00	8	36.25	June 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
391	Howard	Ridgetown	73	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	15	14	\$0.00	1	48.50	June 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
395	Parvalm	Comber	54	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	15	\$0.00	1	48.50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
403	Central	Essex	63	8	8	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	19	25	\$0.00	18	33.65	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
403	Windsor	Windsor	230	24	24	21	24	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	47	50	\$0.00	35	275.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
411	Rodney	Rodney	42	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	30	30	\$0.00	4	30.00	June 1, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	77	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	33	33	\$0.00	...	30.00	June 26, '06	Good	Good	No	400 00	
423	St. of East	Bothwell	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	13	15	\$0.00	6	19.00	June 26, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
443	Xenophon.	Whitely	43	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	12	12	\$0.00	10	40.00	May 4, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
457	Century.	Merila	95	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	13	13	\$0.00	6	40.00	June 21, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2 during the past year, I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation to the brethren of the district for their confidence in electing me to the high office of D. D. G. M.

I also desire to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy shown me on every occasion during my visits, which have been a source of great pleasure to me in every instance.

I have urged upon the brethren throughout the District their duty in respect to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and have asked their earnest co-operation regarding the same. I also desire to thank R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt for his kind assistance in this worthy object, and who spoke on so many occasions at different parts of the District.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the past year: Bro. Frank Harrison, Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy; Bro. John Shaw, Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest; Bro. Henry Gough, Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier; W. Bro. Humphrey Badge, St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges; W. Bro. David Trotter, Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia. W. Bro. Trotter was one of the charter members of Washington Lodge, No. 260, and one who took a very active part in the work in the early history of this lodge.

I have visited each lodge in the District and found the work very uniform and the Worshipful Masters and other officers thoroughly competent, and Masonry for this reason throughout the District is forging ahead, and each Lodge striving to become more proficient in every detail.

A Lodge of Instruction was held in Sarnia on the afternoon and evening of March 12th, 1907, under the auspices of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, and Tuscan Lodge,

No. 437, of Sarnia. The attendance was all that could be desired, it being the largest gathering ever held in the District, every lodge in the District being represented. We were especially honored with having R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, the Deputy Grand Master, with us on that occasion, also R. W. Bro. Alex. K. Wanless, Grand Junior Warden; V. W. Bro. Geo. S. Mitten, Assistant Grand Secretary, and the following R. W. brethren: R. W. Bros. D. F. Macwatt, Alex. Saunders, George Sutherland, A. Weir, S. T. Cornell, John Sinclair, B. F. George, A. W. Parks, also a number of other prominent Masons from different points of the District. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bateman and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges. The second degree by W. Bro. Alex. Joss and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia. The work in each of these degrees was practically faultless, and many were the complimentary remarks which were deservedly bestowed. In the evening the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery and officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia. This degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner and under great difficulties, as the lodge room was so filled that very little floor space was left. The degree was given together with a choir of sixteen voices, and great credit is due the brethren for the fine manner in which they conducted every detail. The work evoked deserved and generous praise from all the brethren, and many of the visiting brethren expressed themselves as having thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful work and valuable instruction. After the proceedings of the lodge were over the Sarnia brethren entertained all the brethren to a most sumptuous repast at the Hotel Northern, and it would be needless to say they are right royal entertainers.

Owing to the great care and efficient manner in which my predecessors have performed their duties the work throughout the District is uniform and highly creditable to this District as well as to Grand Lodge.

During the evening at Lodge of Instruction a P. D. D. G. M. regalia was presented to P. D. D. G. M. S. E. Cornell by Deputy Grand Master A. T. Freed, on behalf of our District, as a token of the high esteem and deep appreciation in which he is held by all the brethren. R. W. Bro. Cornell made a suitable reply and thanked the brethren in his usual kind and courteous manner.

On December 28, 1906, I paid my first official visit to Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier. W. Bro. F. B. Elliott and officers conferred the second degree in a very able manner. The Secretary, Bro. H. Lowe, is faithful in his duties, and the books are kept in a very neat manner. After lodge a social hour was spent around the festive board.

On January 22, 1907, I visited Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders, of Sarnia, and W. Bro. B. P. Corey, of Petrolia. W. Bro. F. B. Kenward conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner, and the other officers were also well skilled. Found the books in very good condition and Secretary D. Watt deserves due credit. We enjoyed a social hour at a banquet at Roche House after the proceedings.

On January 24th, 1907, I visited Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright, and was accompanied by W. Bro. J. C. Waddell, of Petrolia. There being no regular work on W. Bro. Wm. Brown opened and closed in the three degrees in a highly creditable manner. The Secretary, F. J. Tully, is deserving of praise for the correct manner in which he has conducted his arduous duties.

On January 29th, 1907, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges. W. Bro. Bateman and officers conferred the third degree in an exceptionally correct manner, and in fact all the officers deserve great praise, as they are all competent in their several parts. W. Bro. Jas. Gamble and Bro. C. F. Colter accompanied me on this occasion. St. John's Lodge is in exceptionally good financial standing, and the Secretary, W. Bro. T. C. West, is the right man in the right place.

On February 1st, 1907, I visited Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. W. Bro. B. P. Corey, of Petrolia, accompanied me. W. Bro. J. H. Argue and officers conferred the second degree in an excellent manner. They have had a very prosperous year and the prospects are very bright for the future. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, the Secretary, conducts his work in a manner to be beyond criticism.

On February 25th, 1907, I visited Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford. W. Bro. Bailey and officers conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge is prospering, and R. W. Bro. Sutherland still takes

a very great interest in the work. The books are kept in a very correct manner. We afterwards spent a pleasant evening around the banquet table.

On February 26th, 1907, I visited Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest. W. Bro. Kent and officers conferred the second degree very efficiently, and special mention may be made of the work of the Senior Warden, Bro. G. A. Walters. The Secretary, Bro. P. W. Campbell, has his work done in a very capable manner. After the lodge work we had a very pleasant evening around the festive board.

On February 28th, 1907, I visited Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona. There being no regular work on, P. M. W. Bro. Thoman opened and closed in the three degrees, and I found the officers quite competent in their several duties. Bro. F. Nelson, the Secretary, attends to his duties in a capable manner. We were entertained with a sumptuous repast in the lodge room after the work was over.

On March 19th, 1907, I visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne. This lodge was dormant for a number of years, but is now going ahead, and I feel satisfied, from the enthusiasm of the members present, that they will soon be in excellent condition. Owing to sickness of the W. M., P. M. W. Bro. Campbell opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers are quite proficient and all seem greatly interested in the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. Hagerty, fulfils his arduous duties very efficiently. We spent a pleasant hour after lodge proceedings with a fourth degree.

On March 22nd, 1907, I visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra. W. Bro. Wm. Stover and officers conferred the first degree in a very correct and impressive manner. All the officers are fully competent in the discharge of their duties. They are a very enthusiastic lodge and a fine lot of fellows, and are certainly the very best of entertainers. The Secretary, Bro. W. E. Stewart, does his work in a manner to deserve the highest praise from his brethren.

On March 27th, 1907, I visited Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston. On this occasion they were dedicating their new lodge rooms, and the ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt. After the dedication was over W. Bro. J. E. Warner and officers conferred the

first degree in the most efficient and impressive manner, and deserved the many complimentary remarks which were so freely made. R. W. Bro. A. W. Parks, from Oil Springs, and R. W. Bro. Sinclair, of Petrolia, as well as a number of other brethren from Petrolia and other sister lodges were present. After the lodge work was over we were entertained right royally in a banqueting room adjoining the lodge. This is R. W. Bro. J. B. Martyn's mother lodge, and he is a very enthusiastic Mason, and the working of the lodge demonstrates the great interest he has taken in the work. They have the finest and most commodious lodge room in the district, and the brethren of Alvinston are deserving of great praise for their untiring efforts. The Secretary, W. Bro. W. E. Germain, is a careful painstaking officer, and leaves nothing undone.

On March 29th, 1907, I visited Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie. W. Bro. T. Crawford and officers conferred the first degree in a very capable manner, all officers being well qualified to take their several parts with great credit. R. W. Bro. Trussler was present (this being his mother lodge) and made a very impressive address to the brethren. The Secretary, W. Bro. A. Trussler, is the right man in the right place. We had a very enjoyable banquet after the lodge work.

On April 24th, 1907, I visited Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden. A number of the Petrolia brethren accompanied me on this visit. W. Bro. J. McDonald and officers conferred the third degree in an excellent manner, his rendering being very impressive to the candidate. The other officers were also capable. Bro. W. J. Brownlee has his books in a manner that left nothing to be desired. We were royally entertained by the brethren after the work was over.

On April 25th, 1907, I visited Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming. Owing to there being no regular work on W. Bro. Chappell and officers opened and closed in the three degrees and proved themselves to be highly efficient. A number of Petrolia brethren were present, also Bro. T. Fred. Corey, of Georgina Lodge, Toronto. R. W. Bro. R. Coghlan, the Secretary, fulfils his duties in a manner to deserve the greatest of praise. After the work was over we were entertained in the lodge room to a banquet, and spent a very pleasant hour in speech and song.

On May 2nd, 1907, I visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs. W. Bro. Shortt and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner, and his rendering was very impressive. The other officers were fully competent in every particular and shows the great care they have taken to become so highly proficient in the work. This is R. W. Bro. A. W. Park's home lodge, and he is certainly a very enthusiastic Mason, and in the remarks by different brethren of his lodge was given unstinted praise for the great interest he has taken in the work. The Secretary, W. Bro. Duggan, might be equalled, but I'm sure could not be beaten. He has everything in the most efficient manner. They had four applications in the evening I was present, and they have a bright future ahead. We spent a very pleasant hour after the work, doing ample justice to the fourth degree. A number of Petrolia brethren accompanied me on this visit.

On May 29th, 1907, I visited our Petrolia lodges, and the brethren thought it wise to hold a joint meeting and have my visit on the one night, to which they sent an invitation to all the lodges in the District. A large number of brethren were present from different lodges, and our lodge rooms were more than comfortably filled. We had the pleasure of the company of two brethren from far distant Australia, who were visiting with friends in town. W. Bro. J. C. Waddell and officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260, conferred the first degree in a highly efficient and accomplished manner, which evoked much deserved praise from the visiting brethren. Bro. Dr. C. F. Colter filled the office of Junior Warden in the absence of Bro. T. C. Chatterton, who has taken up his residence in Cobourg. He delivered the lecture in a manner to bring forth well deserved praise. The other officers were fully qualified in every way to discharge their duties in a manner that left no room for criticism. The officers of Petrolia lodge then opened and closed in the three degrees. Owing to the absence of the W. M., who was taken suddenly ill, P. M. W. Bro. C. F. Reid was called on to take the chair, and great credit is due to him for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties on such a short notice. The other officers fulfilled their duties in a very efficient manner and were also complimented by the visiting brethren. R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt then

gave a short address regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund, and the brethren were very much impressed, and I feel satisfied that great benefit will derive from his remarks. After the lodge closed we were entertained at the Fletcher House with a sumptuous banquet, after which a very pleasant evening was spent in speech and song.

In conclusion I wish again to thank the brethren of the District for their kindly assistance, and especially those who so kindly accompanied me on so many different occasions. I can bespeak for my successor the same warm kindness that was extended to me on every occasion.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

STEWART McWHORTER, D.D.G.M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber ship	Degree's Conf'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
56	Victoria	Sarnia	506	7	6	6	9	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	10	6	16	45	119	50	4	6	75	Dec. 24, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes
81	St. John	M. Rydges	501	1	6	11	10	10	7	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	27	30	50	00	12	20	00	June 24, '06	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	\$300 00
83	Beaver	Sarnia	457	13	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	17	30	50	00	3	20	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
116	Casella	Theford	452	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	14	12	15	00	8	20	00	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
143	Burns	W. Yonning	427	4	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	10	14	13	5	100	00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	9900 00	
156	Alexandra	Oil Springs	382	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	18	68	18	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	241 60	
191	Petrolia	Petrolia	70	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	00	13	78	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
904	Havelock	Walford	108	8	7	4	5	6	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	15	5	00	4	50	00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	220 00
960	Wallingn.	Petrolia	75	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	00	21	51	00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
993	Forest	Forest	44	1	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	50	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
994	Moore	Portage	41	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	57	30	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
997	Altona	Altona	73	6	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
998	Alvinston	Alvinston	39	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	10	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
999	London	Napier	36	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	107	00	Jan'y, 1907	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes	
999	Huron	Melbourne	68	1	7	7	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	178	28	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
999	Leopold	Darnley	66	1	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	75	00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes	
419	Hannack	Pa. Edward	81	4	6	3	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	21	129	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	3100 00	
433	St. Clair	Sarnia	73	5	6	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	129	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
437	Tucan	Sarnia	147	13	13	13	13	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	129	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have much pleasure in placing before your notice this report on the condition of Masonry in London Masonic District No. 3. This, I presume, will prove to be the most difficult part of my year's labor, for while, on the one hand, each lodge will want as much space as possible devoted to them I have, on the other hand, to meet the Committee on Printing with the perpetual warning, "Cut it short."

As soon as possible after assuming the duties of office I wrote the Secretary of each lodge asking that a copy of all lodge notices be sent me, as provided by the Constitution, but which as a rule is not adhered to by some lodges, my request has been generously complied with promptly. I must add my firm belief that there is no greater incentive to a good attendance at our lodge meetings than that of issuing the notices regularly to each and every member whether there is to be any special business transacted or not. This rule should be fully complied with, as it keeps the District Deputy at all times fully posted on the workings of each lodge in his district.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district once, which is 26, and some twice, in order that I might be in touch with the general working of the Craft, and I have to report that the condition of Masonry in London District is excellent. The lodges are governed by capable Masters, who are well supported by tried and trusted Past Masters and by faithful and efficient officers. The attendance at meetings has been good, and the zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry appears ever to be on the increase. The beautiful ritual of the Grand Lodge has been exemplified with marked ability and careful attention to details; each lodge seems to vie with each other in the correctness of their work.

I brought before each lodge the great object of the Semi-Centennial Fund and urged the members upon the great importance of this fund. I am pleased to report that I have been met with good promises in regard to this fund, and if carried out will result in generous returns to Grand Lodge. I hope soon to see London District in the proud position of having fully paid up its allotment to this fund.

During my term of office the following deaths have been reported to me: John Jelly, Past Master of Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville; Hon. David Glass, K. C., Past Master Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London; F. B. Talbot, Past Master Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station; R. W. Bro. John Dewar, St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, Past Grand Junior Warden; John Lee, Nilestone Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown, and John Hobbs, Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale. The brethren were interred with Masonic honors.

Each and every lodge seem to vie with each other in preparing banquets and good time generally.

Now, in laying down the gavel of office I do so with a sigh of relief, but with regret that I have not been able to spend more time among my brethren for the good of Masonry.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness, of which I have been the happy recipient, and I surrender the gavel with mingled gladness and regret. The former, because I feel I am able to transfer to my successor a very satisfactory state of the Craft; harmony seems to prevail in every lodge in this influential district. The latter, because of the official parting with my brethren at whose hands I have received so many acts of kindness, so many words of cheer and comfort, and for my successor in this sacred trust I bespeak a repetition of what has been extended to me.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: Following in the line of my predecessors my first official visit was paid to this lodge on October 4th, 1906. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present. Was loyally received. All the officers were in their respective chairs. The W. M., W. Bro. Johnston, and the officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates very creditably. The rendering of the lecture

by the Junior Warden was perfect, being given with a great deal of ease and correctness. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Slater, is very careful and competent, and receives great credit from his lodge for his untiring energy in keeping the lodge books in such good shape. There is a good attendance of Past Masters at the regular meetings, which is a great assistance. The outlook of this lodge is very bright. Attendance is large and harmony prevails. The work in this lodge is ably looked after by R. W. Bros. Dubber, Dr. Guest and Henry Roe.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: Visited this lodge on the evening of October 26th, 1906, accompanied by W. Bro. Thomas Abbott, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford. There was a large attendance of their own members and a number of visitors from Nilestown, London and Springfield. The W. M., W. Bro. J. F. Turner, and his officers exemplified the third degree on one candidate. This being the first time the W. M. did the work in the third degree, there were a few slight errors, which I corrected, otherwise the work was done well. Quite an arrearage of dues, however, but the Secretary assured me that they would be all paid up soon. They own their own hall and have it nicely furnished and insured. Financial standing good and prospects bright.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: Visited this lodge October 30th, 1906. There was a good attendance for a small lodge, about 25 of their own members being present, and a large number of visitors from Belmont, Dorchester and London. The W. M., W. Bro. Fred. Burton, and his officers opened the lodge in the third degree. The W. M. then handed the gavel over to P. M. W. Bro. Wallace, who exemplified the third degree on one candidate in a very efficient manner, and was highly commended by the brethren. This lodge has a good staff of officers. W. Bro. Fred. Barrows makes a competent Secretary; books are well kept. They own their own hall, room well furnished and insured. Financial standing good and future prospects bright.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: Visited this Lodge October 31st, 1906. There was a large attendance of members, and a number of visitors from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, and McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne. There being no work on the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Patton and his officers exemplified the first degree to

show me how they did their work, which was done in a very efficient manner. The lecture given by the Junior Warden was very impressive. The charge in the Book of Constitution was given by the W. M. in splendid form. The W. M. then raised the lodge and closed down correctly. I must say the lodge has an able staff of officers. W. Bro. Barnum is a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in perfect order. They rent their lodge room, but own their furniture, which is well insured. No other society meets in the same room. There is in this lodge, as in most other lodges, an arrearage of dues. The Secretary assured me he would do his utmost to get them collected in as soon as possible. The members are enthusiastic and the lodge is prosperous in every way.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: Visited this lodge November 1st, 1906. There was a good attendance of the members and visitors. The W. M. of this lodge, W. Bro. F. Mercer, has taken up his residence in Toronto, hence was not present. The chair was ably filled by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Tanner, who with the officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates, which was done in a creditable manner. Bro. Ellis is a very efficient Secretary, and books are well kept and dues well paid up. The officers of this lodge are up-to-date. Financial standing good, and is very prosperous.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London: Visited this lodge November 6th, 1906. There was a large turnout of the members and visitors present. The W. M., W. Bro. Johnston, and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates, which was creditably done. The W. M. was so nervous that he could not impress the work on the candidates as well as it should have been done; however, it was done very correctly. This lodge has lots of work on. W. Bro. Simpson, Secretary, is a good officer, and the right man in the right place. Books are well kept and financial standing good; prospects bright. There can be no fear of Corinthian Lodge.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London: Visited this lodge December 13th, 1906. As this was their regular meeting and the election of officers and my visit, there was a large attendance of members and visitors on this occasion. The election of officers was soon over and satisfactory. The W. M., W. Bro. McDugall, examined two candidates for passing and opened the lodge in the

second degree and exemplified the same on the two candidates in a perfect manner. Bro. Nicholl, the Secretary, keeps his books in good shape, the dues being fairly well collected. This is a fine working lodge. R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery and V. W. Bro. Davis and a number of other Past Masters all take a great interest in Masonry. My report on this lodge is good.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: Visited this lodge January 8th, 1907. The brethren of this lodge always accord the visitors a hearty welcome, and on the occasion of my visit they loyally received me with the Grand Honors. There was a good attendance and several visitors from St. Thomas. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Jackson, and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree on one candidate, and as this was the first work the new officers had since being installed on the 27th December the degree was correctly and very efficiently performed. The W. M. did his work very impressively indeed; in fact, all of the officers should be complimented for the manner in which they do their work. Bro. Mitchell, the Secretary, is a new officer, and I have no doubt but that he will make a capable Secretary. There are a number of the brethren of this lodge whose occupation calls them a long distance from the lodge, and who do not remit their dues promptly. This accounts for so much back arrearages. They rent their hall, but own their own furniture, which they have insured. Prospects for this lodge are excellent.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: Visited this lodge January 23rd, 1907. There was a good number of the members our and several visitors from other lodges. There being no work on, I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which he did satisfactorily. Bro. Harry Pool is a very efficient Secretary. Books well kept, dues fairly paid up. This lodge has a good membership and own their own hall, which is free of debt. They have repainted it and fitted the downstairs part for public purposes, which brings them in a nice little revenue. The lodge room has been given a thorough renovating and has a splendid appearance, thus making it one of the best up-to-date of the country lodges in the District. Insured for \$1,200.00. I beg to report this lodge in a very prosperous condition.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: I officially

visited this lodge on January 16th, 1907. There were about 30 members present, including visitors from Aylmer and Dorchester Station. As this was an emergency meeting, called for the purpose of my official visit, there was no work on, all the officers being present except the Senior Warden, whose chair was filled by one of the Past Masters. At my request the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees very correctly. This lodge had a membership of 28 when I visited them. Since then they have had good success, as seven new names came in which proved good material. I again visited them at an emergent meeting on May 29th, 1907, for the purpose of witnessing the officers exemplifying the third degree on two candidates. The attendance on this occasion was small. W. Bro. John Campbell, P. M. of this lodge, was ably assisted by the proper officers, and the work was very correctly and efficiently done. The brethren rent the lodge room in which they meet. They have a small surplus on hand. Dues well paid up. Financial standing good. Prospects bright for the future of Moffat Lodge, No. 399.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: Visited this lodge January 24th, 1907. There was a large turnout of the members and visitors from Thamesford, Niles-town and Thorndale. The W. M., W. Bro. Chas. Hunt, and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree upon a candidate, which was done very well. Then the W. M. opened the lodge to the third degree and closed, which was done good. The officers in this lodge are all good live Masons for work and pride themselves on their lodge and work. About a year ago they refitted their lodge room with gas light and gave it a good coat of paint and paper, which added very much to its appearance. Bro. Canning makes a good Secretary, looks well after the books. Dues all paid up. This lodge has taken a new lease of life within the last few years and is now booming. Merrill lodge, for a small membership, may be noted for the attention and care they give to the widows and afflicted brethren in granting them relief. Financial standing good. No fear for the future of Merrill Lodge, No. 344.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: Visited this lodge January 29th, 1907. As this lodge is about six miles from St. Thomas I was accompanied by R. W. Bro.

Henry Rowe, R. W. Bro. Fred. Guest, and 20 other members from St. Thomas. When I got there I found a goodly number of members of Warren Lodge, No. 120, present. After waiting till about 9 o'clock for the W. M. to come, but never came, the chair was taken by Past Master Norman, who opened the lodge to the third degree and exemplified same on one candidate, which was done in a faultless manner. They own their lodge room and have it well insured. This lodge has a good membership and prospects are bright.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station: Visited this lodge February 1st, 1907, accompanied by a number of brethren from St. Thomas to Iona Station. Then we had a drive of five miles out to Lawrence Station, where the lodge is held. The W. M., W. Bro. Widdifield, and his officers opened the lodge and then received me with the Grand Honors. There were only 14 members present, some of them visitors. As there was no work to do I requested the W. M. to open the lodge in the second and third degrees, which he did, and then closed down correctly. They held the banquet at Iona Station, 60 members, including visiting members from St. Thomas, Fingal and Dutton, being present. The night was well spent to the interest of the craft. This lodge has a membership of 45. Dues all paid up. They rent the room they meet in, but own their furniture, which is insured for \$100.00. There seems to be a lack of attendance in this lodge. They do not hold their meetings regularly. The brethren are contemplating on moving their place of meeting to Iona Station, where they would have a better attendance, as most of the brethren live there. Financial standing good.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: Visited this lodge February 4th, 1907. There was a fair attendance of the members and visiting brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. J. B. McKillop, owing to the death of his father, was absent. The I. P. M., W. Bro. Dr. English, ably looked after the Master's work. The Wardens and other officers were in their respective places. The acting W. M. and officers initiated one candidate, and the work was very creditable. The Junior Warden's lecture was also given well. W. Bro. McKillop invited me to pay them another visit, which I did at an emergent meeting April 10th, 1907. W. Bro. McKillop and his staff of officers

exemplified the second degree on three candidates. The work was done correctly and in an excellent manner, and the work was so toned as to make it very impressive on the candidate. The Senior Warden's lecture and the charge were each given in such an efficient manner as to bring forth many comments from the brethren. The lodge was then raised to the third degree and closed down correctly. This lodge claims credit for doing first-class work, and from what I saw on the occasion of my visit I must say their claim is fully justified. They have an excellent staff of officers, and their prospects are very bright. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where Tuscan exemplified the fourth degree satisfactorily.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: Visited this lodge February 11th, 1907. The attendance was very large on this occasion. W. Bro. Cottam and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates, and the work certainly reflected great credit on the W. M. and his officers. The lecture given by the Junior Warden brought forth many comments, and also the charge given by W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, P. M. The W. M., at my request, opened the lodge in the second and third degrees and closed down correctly. Bro. J. Ward is a very efficient Secretary; books are well kept. The Past Masters are always ready to assist and take part in the work. This lodge has a large membership and is in a strong position, and Masonry is well looked after in Union Lodge, No. 380.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: Visited this lodge February 25th, 1907, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, P. D. D. G. M.; Capt. Tom Robson, P. D. D. G. M., and several other brethren from the different lodges of the city of London. There was a fair attendance of their own members, and a number of visitors from Lucan, Lobo and Bryanston. There being no work on, at my request the W. M., W. Bro. Bowey, opened the lodge to the third degree and closed down correctly. I am assured from the manner that the W. M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge that they can do work creditably and satisfactory. They rent the rooms they meet in and own the furniture; insured for \$200.00. Books fairly well kept. If this lodge would hold their *meetings* more promptly there is no doubt that they would

have a better attendance and get the dues in more regularly. Financial standing fair, with fairly bright prospects.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: Visited this lodge February 27th, 1907. There was a good attendance of the members and visiting brethren from Pt. Burwell. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the third degree in splendid manner. This lodge has a splendid room, elegantly furnished and well insured. There were a large number of Past Masters present on the occasion of my visit. This is a first-class working lodge. Everything in connection with the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited this lodge March 8th, 1907. There was a large attendance of the members and visiting brethren from the other sister lodges, and 68 brethren from Galt who came up on a special train accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowan, P. D. D. G. M., of Wellington District No. 7. R. W. Bros. J. A. Tancock and E. T. Essery, P. D. D. G. M's, were also present. The W. M., W. Bro. C. Firth, and his officers exemplified the third degree on one candidate in the presence of 250 brethren, in what is known as the Irish work, in their well known style, showing considerable ability. The books are nicely kept by the Secretary, J. E. Keenleyside. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, and after all had done justice to the inner man two hours were given to speeches, songs and recitations, and closed 'mid ringing cheers for the Grand Lodge of Canada after the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: Visited this lodge March 21st, 1907. I was accompanied from London with 75 members of the several lodges of the city. There were 20 lodges represented of this District present at this meeting, among the visitors being R. W. Bros. J. A. Tancock, E. T. Esserv, Fred. Guest, Dubber and Henry Roe, P. D. D. G. M's. The W. M., W. Bro. Honsinger, and officers exemplified the first degree on one candidate in a faultless manner. The degree was worked so perfect that there was not anything to criticize. The rendition of the Junior Warden's lecture was very impressively given. In short, the officers of this lodge did the best work that I witnessed in the District, and which brought forth many comments from the large number of

visitors present. Bro. Fred. Lewis, Secretary, is a competent officer. Books kept nicely, and is very prompt in the discharge of his duties. They rent the room in which they meet, but own the furniture, which is insured for \$600.00. The room is elegantly equipped. After the lodge closed all adjourned to the banquet room, where about 300 sat down to a sumptuous spread, and after ample justice had been done to the inner man W. Bro. Honsinger called the brethren to order, when speeches, songs and recitations were in order. I might say it was one of the most pleasant events that could be given to the interest of the Craft, and closed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne, God Save the King, and cheers for the Grand Lodge of Canada. My report on this lodge is good.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: Visited this lodge March 27th, 1907. The roads were very bad, hence there was a small attendance. There being no work on, I requested the W. M. to open up to the third degree and close down, which was done correctly. I satisfied myself that this lodge can do work well. The Secretary, Bro. Alex. Grant, keeps the books in good shape. The brethren informed me that they would have some work on soon and asked me to make them another visit if possible. The financial standing of this lodge is good and prospects fair.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: Visited this lodge March 29th, 1907. I was accompanied from London by R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District No. 6. Attendance not large on account of the poor state of the roads. The W. M., W. Bro. Rook, exemplified the second degree on two candidates, which was done well. The Senior Warden gave his lecture splendidly and with good expression. A little closer attention to the offor work by the junior officers would give the work more of a finish. Secretary Bro. Harker sees that the books are well kept. They own their hall and they have their room nicely furnished and insured. The Past Masters take a lively interest in the lodge affairs, which speaks prosperity for Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited this lodge April 19, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Walker, and his officers exemplified the second degree on three candi-

dates in a very correct and impressive manner, and at my request the W. M. opened the lodge to the third degree and closed down very correctly. I am convinced that Masonry is well worked in old 64. The Secretary, Bro. Glover, makes a very efficient officer. This lodge is strong and in a prosperous condition.

Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: Visited this lodge April 23rd, 1907. There was a large turnout of the brethren and visitors from Thamesford, London and Bryanston. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. R. L. Guest, P. D. D. G. M., and received with Grand Honors. The W. M., W. Bro. A. Weston, and his officers exemplified the first degree on two candidates fairly well. I criticized the work some, pointed out a few errors, and corrected the same. They said my visit was a profit to them. I had the honor to present the retiring W. M., W. Bro. McCutcheon, with a Past Master's jewel. This lodge is booming, and has a membership of 48. W. Bro. Wright makes a capable Secretary and sees that the brethren pay up their dues well. Keeps books in good shape. They own their hall and have their room well furnished and insured. Financial standing good. I report prospects good for Mt. Olivet.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited this lodge May 14th, 1907. There was a large number of the brethren of this lodge and visiting members of other lodges present on the occasion of my official visit. The W. M., W. Bro. McIntosh, and his officers exemplified the first degree, in what is known as the Irish work, in first-class style. The officers are well up in their respective duties. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, is a very efficient officer. This is the wealthiest lodge in the district, with assets of \$5,000.00, and has good prospects for the future. At the close of the evening's work an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where a large number exemplified the fourth degree to their own satisfaction.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: As this is my own lodge, at whose meetings I am usually present when at home, I made my official visit on May 22, 1907. There was a large turnout of the members and visiting brethren from London, Ingersoll, St. Thomas, Nilestown, Thorndale, Dorchester and Embro. The W. M., W. Bro. Thos. Abbott, and the officers exemplified the

first degree on one candidate in a very fair manner. The J. W., Bro. M. Cowper, delivered the lecture in the south very good. Afterwards the lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees in good form. W. Bro. John S. Robinson is a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in first-class shape. The lodge owns the building in which they meet, which comprises lodge room, banquet hall and residence, and the lodge is a prosperous one. Financial standing good. Insurance \$1,500.00.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: Visited this lodge May 23rd, 1907, this being my last official visit in the district. I was accompanied by W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, of Union Lodge, No. 380, London, and W. Bros. A. U. Buchner and Cox, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64. There was a good turnout of the members and visiting brethren from other lodges. There being no work on, the W. M., V. W. Bro. Graham, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, which was very well done. The work was performed correctly, but the officers appeared to be a little nervous. They have a membership of 37, but there are too many members in arrears of dues; one-third of the members are back more than one year in their dues. I advised the Secretary, Bro. P. L. Graham, M. D., who is a capable and efficient officer, to make an extra effort to collect the outstanding dues. They own their hall, and the room in which they meet is well furnished and well insured. Financial standing good, and prospects fair.

R. F. O'NEIL, D. D. G. M.,

London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 9th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.	Degrees conf'd.	Allegations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, P. P. D.	Deaths.	Regular.	Emergency.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief. in arrears.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
30	St. John's.	London	235	26	13	10	5	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	40	152	30	250	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Int Ins	
42	St. George	London	131	10	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	70	00	11	78	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Int Ins	
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	247	16	21	12	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	25	00	31	195	Jan. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 500.00	
64	St. Andrew	London	200	19	6	10	8	3	5	7	5	12	14	28	23	102	00	14	50	July, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	Int Ins
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley	65	7	6	7	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	00	15	74	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	350.00	
107	St. Paul's	Leamington	65	3	2	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	00	6	40	Dec. 28, '06	V. y Good	V. y Good	Yes	1200.00	
120	Warren	Windsor	57	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	00	12	52	June 5, '06	Good	Good	Yes	800.00	
140	Windsor	Windsor	113	10	5	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	...	180	June 30, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000.00	
171	Profr Wales	Lawrence Sta.	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	...	90	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	100.00	
180	Belmont	Belmont	53	4	1	5	4	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	20	00	...	100	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	800.00	
195	Tuscan	London	77	7	7	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	00	...	100	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
204	St. John's	London	207	17	5	17	14	14	2	1	1	1	1	1	85	00	20	100	Jan. 21, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
222	Cameron	Dutton	67	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	00	...	143	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200.00	
289	Doric	Leamington	97	7	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	...	12	62	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	80.00	
300	Mt. Oliver	Thorndale	48	4	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	...	8	130	June 24, '06	V. y Good	Bright	Yes	600.00	
302	St. David	St. Thomas	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	11	25	97	Dec. 27, '06	Good	F. at Class	Yes	600.00	
330	Corinthian	London	14	12	1	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	24	49	56	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300.00	
344	Merrill	St. Thomas	37	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	0	...	11	Jan. 21, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400.00	
345	St. Andrew	St. Thomas	43	8	7	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	...	32	Jan. 21, '07	Good	Good	Yes	800.00	
358	Delaware	Delaware	122	12	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	4	...	4	32	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400.00	
378	King Sol.	London	136	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	50	00	...	204	June 30, '06	V. y Good	V. y Good	Yes	500.00	
379	Midwest	Bryanston	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	60	50	251	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	25.00	
380	Union	London	206	19	20	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	15	...	15	65	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	250.00	
388	Henderson	London	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	...	8	65	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000.00	
394	King Sol.	Thamesford	76	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	00	12	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000.00	
399	Morial	Thamesford	36	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	13	...	13	39	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000.00	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report to Grand Lodge on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District No. 4, for the Masonic year 1906-1907. I wish first to thank the brethren of the district for electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. The work in connection with the office has in only one instance been arduous and somewhat annoying, caused by the action of a Master Mason insisting on violating the Constitution to suit a personal end, otherwise at all times exceedingly pleasant. Two lodges I found suffering from the evil of misusing the ballot, injuring the lodge and the efficiency of a staff of excellent officers in both. I am glad to report that the steps taken by myself have proved to be of value and that perfect harmony at present exists. Only two lodges in the District, Nos. 84 and 170, are not in sympathy with the S. C. Fund, and I had not a proper opportunity to bring it before the members, but did so with the Masters, and it is hard to understand their position, as they believe in assisting brethren who are in need. Both lodges are in good financial circumstances.

I have visited each lodge once, and several twice, the second being fraternal and on account of being Past-Masters' night. The work presented to me was very gratifying and reflected much credit on the officers. I only had occasion to severely criticise one officer, and he an Inner Guard. After I had explained his work, and even illustrated it for him, I advised the lodge that unless he improved to drop him from filling any office.

I have found the dues in all the lodges fairly well paid up and the arrearages small. Insurance carried. All the lodge rooms commodious and comfortable, the majority being expensively fitted out. Masonry is on the increase, and the lodges are careful of the material

selected. I also advised the lodges to be careful of joining members and to make close enquiry of all such.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant a dispensation for a new lodge in the village of Granton.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I beg to present my report on the fraternal dead in District No. 4, as supplied me from the various lodges, whose kindly faces will be sadly missed: Bro. C. C. Hall, September 4th, 1906, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Bro. W. B. Puddecombe, September 12, 1906, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Bro. Jas. Clark, Maitland Lodge, No. 33; Bro. Capt. Norman McLeod, Britannia Lodge, No. 170; Bro. P. Z. Doan, Clinton Lodge, No. 84, a member of this lodge for 49 years; R. W. Bro. Wm. White, P. D. D. G. M. of South Huron, February 19th, 1907, Britannia Lodge, No. 170; Bro. C. Rankin, February 26, 1907, Stratford Lodge, No. 332; Bro. M. Campbell, Britannia Lodge, No. 170; Bro. J. B. Meyler, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144; Bro. J. Steele, Britannia Lodge, No. 170.

VISITS.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332: November 12, 1906. I made my first official visit in the District to this lodge. The evening was a regular meeting and there was a large turnout of the brethren and a fair number of visitors. Among the visiting brethren were R. W. Bros. C. McLellan, Mooney, Malcolm and McKellor, W. Bro. Deacon presiding. At my request the third degree was exemplified, the candidate passing a splendid examination, repeating his obligation and explaining the working tools. The lodge was opened on time, and everything connected with the work was in perfect order. The candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. in a most efficient and impressive manner. I was under the impression the officers were experienced in this work, and was most agreeably surprised to learn it was their first attempt to work a degree. Every officer in this lodge deserves the highest commendation for the perfectness in which they performed every part of the evening's work. I was given to understand this lodge had paid their proportion to the S. C. Fund. The fourth degree was commenced at 10 p. m., consisting of the usual Masonic toasts interspersed with music and songs. The toast list was

handled in a new way to me. The W. M. announced the toast and the toast was introduced by a brother, who in no way touched on the responsive. He would then call on a brother to respond. The evening came to a close before 12 o'clock.

Milverton Lodge, U. D.: November 17, 1906. I paid an unofficial visit to this lodge, driving about 23 miles to do so, and was accompanied by District Secretary R. C. Puddicombe. I made this visit with a view to becoming acquainted with the brethren and finding out any of their needs. This lodge is working U. D., and I found their W. M., W. Bro. Livingston, had recently removed to Port Rowan, leaving the lodge without a Master, there being no Past Master a member. I placed the lodge under the direction of the S. W., Bro. Lederman, who is well up in his work and qualified to fill the vacancy, and will be ably assisted by the J. W., Bro. Hutchison. The work of conferring degrees is done by W. M's from Stratford, Elmira and Listowel. I found the Junior Warden well skilled, who gave me the tracing board of an E. A. in a masterly manner. The members, I found, were ambitious in the work. I had to answer a large number of questions, and strongly advised them to be careful of the material they accepted for membership.

Milverton Lodge, U. D.: May 9, 1907. I officially visited this lodge on the above date, arriving early so as to be of value if necessary before the lodge opened. Bro. Lederman, the Senior Warden, opened the lodge on time. I was properly introduced and received with Grand Honors, taking the chair. I requested Bro. Lederman to exemplify the first degree, the following officers all moving up a chair and acted as follows: Bro. Lederman as W. M., Bro. Hutchison as S. W., Bro. Hearn as J. W., Bro. Siegner as S. D., Bro. Guenther as J. D., Bro. Kirkland as I. G., Bro. Trun, Tyler. Bro. Zoeger is the efficient Secretary. I noticed amongst the visiting brethren W. Bro. Chalmers, P. M.; W. Bro. Ellacott, W. M.; W. Bro. A. R. Terry, Secretary; Bro. A. J. Caudeck, S. W.; Bro. Duffield, J. W.; Bro. Go-lightly, I. G., all of Elma Lodge, No. 456. The work by Bro. Lederman was all that a D. D. G. M. could expect—very correct and to a great extent impressive. Bro. Hutchison gave the explanation of the T. B. and the charge in an excellent manner. I certainly commend all

the officers in this lodge. Perfect harmony now prevails, and in fact always did, with the exception of our brother who endeavored to cause dissension in order to satisfy a personal desire. This incident will prove a good and profitable lesson to this young lodge. They are careful whom they select as members, and will be more so in the future. Being without their W. M., W. Bro. Livingston, who removed to Port Rowan previous to November 15, this lodge has steadily went forward, being ably assisted by the W. M. and Past Masters of Elma Lodge, who are always ready and willing to confer degrees; also by Past Masters from Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel, North Huron District, and also Past Masters from Tecumseh and Stratford lodges. After my address, and the lodge closed in the three degrees, we were all invited, some 45 brethren, to the Central Hotel, kept by Bro. Rither. The three large tables were a sight for every brother to remember. Vases of the choicest cut flowers, and the menu with all the delicacies of the season and out of season. The toast list was not overly long, but heartily enjoyed by the brethren. I certainly wish this lodge every success in the future and know of no reason why it should not at next Grand Lodge secure its charter.

Doric Lodge, No. 233: November 27, 1906. I made my official visit to this lodge on the above date. Lodge was somewhat late in opening, but when once started everything went like clockwork. This lodge is certainly well officered from the W. M., W. Bro. Magladery, to the O. G., the Secretary, Bro. N. McDougall, being a most efficient one. Each officer does his work in a clear and very impressive manner, and no wonder, for on looking over the register I find the Past Masters very regular, especially R. W. Bro. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., who is greatly interested in the work. I could not help congratulating the W. M. on this important fact. The officers are working under the manner expected about a year ago, and I requested them to get under the latest mode. This lodge is provided with the new Constitution, and their petitions are in accord with it. Dues well paid up. Several important questions were asked and answered, and I was assured that as answered would be lived up to. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the third degree. The candidate answered all

the questions, repeated his obligation, and explained the working tools. I drew the attention of the officers and members to the great importance of subscribing to the S. C. Fund, and received assurance that this important matter would be attended to. If this great work is attended to I consider Doric Lodge second to none in the District. The fourth degree was very successful and enjoyable. I noticed several visitors and several brethren who had passed the allotted span of life present and who responded to a toast in their honor. On May 10th, 1907, I again officially visited this lodge for the purpose of meeting a number of P. D. D. G. M's, but from unavoidable circumstances only P. D. D. G. M. Sutherland, of St. Clair District, and P. D. D. G. M. Dawson, of South Huron, were present. The lodge was opened on time by Past Master O. A. Griffith, W. Bro. Magladery being in New Liskeard. Bro. Zapf, S. W.; Past Master Dawson, J. W.; Bro. Thos. H. Newell, S. D.; Bro. Allen, I. G. The work was passing two candidates. For the first candidate Past Master D. N. McLeod occupied the chair and gave the obligation, when P. M. Magladery went forward and did the floor work. For the second candidate W. Bro. McLeod also gave the obligation, and R. W. Bro. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., gave the floor work. Bro. Senior Warden Zapf gave the tracing board perfectly, as all his work is done. Bro. George A. Fraser, Junior Deacon, gave the charge in a manner most desirable; he is energetic and a thorough Mason. Lodges not in harmony should pay Doric Lodge, No. 233, a visit, and I have no hesitation in saying one visit would be all sufficient. A banquet was held after the lodge was closed by that very efficient officer, W. Bro. O. A. Griffith, W. Bro. D. N. McLeod officiating as toast master, and he has a happy way of introducing his toasts. Music and songs were interspersed, and if, as I said in my first report, if they complete their labors for the S. C. Fund they rank second to no lodge in the District of South Huron.

Elma Lodge, No. 456. November 29, 1906. I was accompanied on my visit to this lodge by R. W. Bro. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., which was a most agreeable surprise to me, and who met me on arrival of the train at Mitchell, when we drove out to Monkton Village, where this lodge is situated, a distance of ten miles. On arrival I found a large turnout of the members, with a few visitors from

Milverton Lodge, U. D. All the officers present except Bro. Cundeck, S. W., and Bro. Moffatt, J. W. The S. W.'s chair was ably filled by P. M. Golightly, and the J. W.'s chair by a very young member. I regret that I have forgotten his name, as he deserves special mention. The work was the second degree. The candidate passed a fair examination in his questions and obligation. The work of opening and closing was nearly correct and the ceremony of passing well done. Bro. Ellacott, although speaking a trifle fast, is a painstaking officer and purposes rectifying this part of his work. The S. D., Bro. Flood, was nervous, but is the making of an excellent officer. I was pleased to note that the W. M. is ably assisted by the Past Masters. W. Bro. Chambers, P. M., gave the charge in an able and masterly manner. I am glad to report the officers of this lodge materially assist Milverton Lodge, U. D. I urged the officers of this lodge to take up the S. C. Fund, pointing out to them that a brother in another lodge was also a brother of theirs when in distress. The W. M. promised to encourage the members in this laudable work, and expressed their pleasure with my explanation of its great benefits. This lodge is in a good state financially, very careful of who enters its portals, the great benefit of which they will find out in the years to come. An excellent supper was prepared in a private house. A few toasts were proposed and duly responded to. On arriving back in Mitchell I was the guest of R. W. Bro. J. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., who still takes a great interest in our noble work. Dues all paid up.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84: January 30, 1907. I am indebted to this lodge for calling an emergency meeting for this date for my official visit. On my arrival at the depot I was met by W. Bro. Stevenson, who informed me I was the guest of Clinton Lodge, No. 84. Lodge was opened on time. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Dr. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., and invited to the East and received with Grand Honors. The work then proceeded. There was a good turnout of the brethren. I noticed in the East V. W. Bro. Holliwell, Past Masters Paisley, Hunter, Hoover, Johnson, Evans and McLean. Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate raised to the sublime degree of a M. M., all of which was satisfactory, only two minor exceptions taken to the

work, and these were to conform to the recent changes. The candidate was fairly well prepared, but in the manner done of years ago. This candidate lives some ten miles away, and so situated as not to be in touch with the members. It is unnecessary to individualize the officers more than to congratulate the W. M. on the encouragement given by the regular attendance of the Past Masters. Dues are in good shape. This lodge has a large map containing the tracing boards of the different degrees placed in the West, which in my opinion should give way to separate tracing boards for the South and for the West. In a very short time the members will remove to a new lodge room. I regret that the members of such a proficient lodge as Clinton, No. 84, do not take kindly to the S. C. Fund. Nothing has been done so far. I explained its object to W. Bro. Stevenson, the W. M., and asked him to have the circulars again read over to the members and induce them to view this important matter in another light. The fourth degree took place in the ante-room and was certainly a credit to the committee in charge. The lodge is deserving of great credit for this social part of their work. March 29, 1907, I received a cordial invitation to fraternally visit this lodge on this evening, it being the anniversary of the first meeting of fifty years ago, and was called 'Past Masters' night. I was received in the usual official manner and found the following Past Masters in the chairs: R. W. Bro. J. W. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., in the East; W. Bro. Jas. Ford in the West and W. Bro. E. M. McLean in the South; W. Bro. J. Hunter, S. D.; W. Bro. J. B. Hoover, J. D.; W. Bro. W. J. Paisley, I. G. A very large amount of routine work was disposed of, over \$700 of accounts being passed, the several items being for the fitting up of their new lodge room, and which neither time nor labor seems to have been thought of by the enterprising committee under P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Shaw. They have a large banquet room, a very large ante-room, and a candidate room, but the lodge room is not only large, but expensively furnished, all of the work except the plastering being done by members of the lodge. After the business was completed R. W. Bro. Shaw initiated the candidate, who is the son of the first worshipful master. This work was not only efficiently but impressively done, along with a grand charge to the candidate, but also to the brethren.

The Senior Warden's work was correct, also the Junior Warden's, the explanation of the Tracing Board being perfect in every way. W. Bro. Hoover makes a perfect J. D. W. Bro. Paisley, a member of this lodge for about 35 years, is dignified in all his actions. Past Master Fair presented the working tools in a masterly manner. V. W. Bro. Halloway takes a great interest in all of the work and is a regular attendant on lodge nights. W. Bro. Fair presented a history of this lodge down to the present, which was interesting and very instructive, and much time and labor must have been devoted to its preparation. After the lodge closed all retired to the large banquet room down stairs, where three large tables were filled up by the Craft and a bounteous supper partaken of. After the inner man had been satisfied short speeches, intermixed with songs, filled up a couple of hours' social intercourse. This lodge certainly has a large number of capital voices, and I broached the subject of a choir in connection with our ceremonies in the lodge, and I have no doubt but success in this method will be as great as every other thing the members take up. The dedicatory ceremony, I understand, will take place in September.

Wilmott Lodge, No. 318: As per arrangement with the officers of this lodge, I made my official visit on the evening of March 1st, 1907. The night was cold, with rain and sleet. I found over an average attendance of the members, some of them driving from four to ten miles. I also find, on looking over the register, the attendance is good, the Past Masters take much interest in assisting their officers, a marked contrast to one lodge nearby. The W. M., W. Bro. Waugh, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees well and nearly correct, only one error of importance, which I drew his attention to. He also, by my request, called the lodge off. The work exemplified was the Fellowcraft degree, and was well done by all of the officers. Bro. W. Russell, S. W., gave the Tracing Board correctly, but on this occasion spoke a little too fast. The officers of this lodge are all well up with the exception of the J. D. W. Bro. Buttler keeps his books correctly and very neat. Dues fairly well paid up, and the Secretary endeavors to keep the members posted in this important matter. The W. M. can work all of the degrees, and relies on W. Bro. Bechtel to give the charges, which he does correctly and

quite impressively. This lodge also sees that their candidates are well posted before advancement, and on this occasion the candidate was extra well prepared and very anxious for knowledge. All is harmony here. The fourth degree was given and a very enjoyable time passed with a few toasts, one, "Masonry in connection with the church," being ably responded to by Bro. Armstrong, the J. W.

New Dominion Yodge, No. 205: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 4th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. S. C. Holley, being sick and not present, the chair was taken by W. Bro. R. J. Kerr, P.M., who opened the lodge in the three degrees, when he vacated the chair to W. Bro. A. Monteith, W. M. of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, and his officers, who were present on a fraternal visit and to exemplify the third degree. The candidate was fairly prepared and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in an efficient and very impressive manner by these officers. They closed in the third degree and also in the second, when I assumed the chair and answered several important Masonic questions and closed the lodge. The fourth degree was given for the first time in the large and commodious room adjoining, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of and a toast list disposed of. I was greatly pleased with the work of the officers of both lodges. Next evening I was present for the regular meeting, which, in reality, I might say was the official visit, although I am present at all of the meetings of this lodge, it being my mother lodge. It was necessary for me to take the chair and raise a candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This candidate, Bro. Alfred Hahn, was certainly carefully prepared and a credit to whom he was placed in care of. I was pleased with the officers present on this occasion, and the work was nearly up to the previous evening. The officers of this lodge are at a great disadvantage—the Past Masters never attend. I must except P. M's Jas. Smith and Barber, who live over six miles away, and are always willing to assist when called on. I must particularly mention Bro. R. J. Kerr, P. M., who rarely misses a meeting, is well up in his work, and willing to fill any chair in emergency. Soon after I installed the officers the Junior Warden removed to New York, and Bro. W. Sutherland, who had recently joined,

filled this chair very acceptably, but is too much given to the old form. The Senior Warden also left for Halifax. The Junior Deacon, Bro. Bishop, never attends nights of degrees, but pleads sickness as the cause. The I. G., Bro. Hall, died shortly after being appointed. The W. M., W. Bro. S. C. Holley, can work all three degrees and give the charges, but requires more practice for efficient rendering. I have for years urged the different officers to visit the lodges in Stratford, where the work is so well done. The S. C. Fund is well paid up. Dues the same, with one exception, and that one, an old Past Master, who gave me part of my third degree. Insurance carried. Lodge room commodious and comfortable. Prospects good; three applications out for signature.

Irving Lodge, No. 154: April 25, 1907. By request of the W. M., W. Bro. M. H. O'Neil, I paid my official visit on this date. I found a large number of the members present, and also visitors. There was no regular work, so the W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree fairly well. The work of the J. W., Bro. W. S. Banting, was very good, also of the J. D., Bro. Branton. The I. G., Bro. W. L. Spring, is the making of a good officer. I find the Past Masters of this lodge well up in the work and in the Constitution. W. Bros. Murray and Dr. Orme take a great interest in the work and render valuable assistance. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees and called the lodge off, small errors being pointed out and remedied. This lodge is in excellent shape, dues well paid up, and an interest shown in the S. C. Fund. This evening a petition was presented by two Past Masters of this lodge and eight Master Masons living in Granton, six miles east, praying for consent to form a lodge in the village of Granton. After full discussion it was moved by W. Bro. Matheson, seconded by W. Bro. Hodgins, that this request be granted. After being put to the members present it was found to be unanimous, and the papers signed by the W. Master and Secretary and handed to me for approval. On looking over the register I find the Past Masters are very regular in their attendance, and the same may be said of the officers. The lodge room is very comfortably furnished and convenient. Secretary's books correctly and neatly attended to. After lodge the brethren attended the usual banquet, when a very social time for an hour was spent in speeches and song.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170: May 6, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. F. J. Burrows, opened the lodge and initiated a candidate. I was due at this lodge at 8 p. m. to make my official visit, but owing to an accident on the railway was unable to make connection at Stratford. I telephoned the officers, asking if I would come on if I did arrive at 11 p. m., and they cordially invited me to come, no matter as to time. I arrived at 11 p. m. and found about 80 of the Craft waiting and all in the best of spirits, having passed through an enjoyable time. I also found a candidate prepared and ready for initiation, a son of Past Master McLean. After being introduced by R. W. Bro. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., of this district, and duly received in the East, the W. M. initiated this candidate in a manner void of criticism and very impressively. The S. W., Bro. McCallum, is prompt and correct in all his work in the West, so is Bro. G. Chesney, J. W., who gave the explanation of the Tracing Board very correctly, but in the form of two years ago. I hope in the near future to see Bro. Hatcher, S. W., perform his duties. Bro. S. Dorrance, J. D., does his work correctly and evenly. Bro. H. Jaffrey, I. G., is correct in his work and very anxious for information in regards to it. W. Bro. Burrows is to be congratulated on having such a staff of officers. I also noticed that he is nightly supported by the Past Masters of this lodge and that R. W. Bro. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., takes as much interest in the work of the lodge as though he was climbing the ladder for promotion. I thoroughly enjoyed the work of this lodge. Owing to the late hour the lodge was not opened in the second and third degrees. The Secretary, W. Bro. L. C. Jackson, keeps his books correctly and very neat; dues well paid up, with two exceptions only. The register shows a large attendance at the regular meetings. They have a beautiful room, well and comfortably furnished, lighted with electricity, with the three lesser lights in the S., W. and E. I must say this is one of the best lodges in the district. I met visitors from Brussels, North Huron District No. 3; from Clinton, Hensall, and other places. The banquet was held in their ante-room, the table being filled with the delicacies of the season. After refreshments I answered many questions for the benefit of young members. I hope to visit this lodge so I may be in a position to make you a full report at a later date.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170: Seaforth, June 3, 1907. Having received a cordial invitation to visit this lodge on this date, I did so with feelings of much satisfaction. On arrival I was met by Past Master Dr. Cooper, whose guest I was during this visit. On arrival at the lodge I found it was Past Masters' night. The lodge was opened by the regular officers, routine business completed, along with two ballots, both being accepted. The Past Masters then assumed the different chairs. R. W. Bro. Reid, P. D. D. G. M., W. M.; V. W. Bro. Ballantyne, S. W.; W. Bro. Dr. Cooper, J. W.; W. Bro. J. Dodds, S. D.; W. Bro. O. Neil, J. D.; W. Bro. A. Barton, I. G.; W. Bro. McIntyre, O. G. The initiation of the above two candidates was perfect throughout and impressive in a marked degree, showing the great advantage to be derived from constantly attending and assisting the regular officers in their work. I hope the members are doing their duty as Masons towards the S. C. Fund. I did not have an opportunity to bring this important matter up, as it was nearing midnight.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: May 8, 1907. By special request of mine this lodge called an emergency meeting for my official visit; the regular meeting was May 6th. I found a large attendance, considering that want of harmony is somewhat lacking. The first degree was selected, W. Bro. A. Willard, W. M., doing all the work in an efficient and effective manner, and, as I understand, was his first attempt at a meeting. The S. W., Bro. Sinclair, gave no chance for criticism. The J. W., Bro. D. McRae, *pro tem* for the evening, deserves praise, and gave the T. B. well. I pointed out to him it would be preferable to explain it as he went along, as his way took too much after the manner of giving a charge. Bro. John Hylands as J. D. *pro tem*, is all that is desirable, and so is Bro. I. G. Harding. Bro. Thos. Evans, Chaplain, who has reached the allotted time of man, was also present. I found Past Master Col. White an energetic and well skilled brother, who takes great interest in the lodge and the work. The Secretary, Past Master A. Carman, is one of the very best to be found anywhere. His minute book is a model and every detail is fully written up. My visit called up several reminiscences when I attended a Lodge of Instruction about 8 years ago, when I acted as Junior Warden, after six months'

coaching for my Lodge, No. 205, exemplifying the second year, and strange to say that members of this Lodge, St. James, drew attention to a certain part of my work. I drew their J. W.'s attention, and also the officers, to the same thing, reminding them that the committee appointed to adjudge on these matters decided I was not wrong but it might to some extent be shortened, and so I informed the W. M. on that account I would sustain that ruling. The officers are certainly proficient, but lack practice. I was told a candidate had not been received for nearly two years. A short but enjoyable banquet took place at the Windsor hotel. This lodge room is a beauty, well furnished throughout, and comfortable. Dues fairly well in hand, with three exceptions, and has a membership of about 70. June 3, 1907. I am informed that the officers are of the opinion now that things are again in harmony and that good applicants will be again received.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33: May 14, 1907. I officially visited this lodge on this date, and I did so with feelings of diffidence, notwithstanding I knew I had strong and warm friends who have taken great interest in my reaching towards the honorable office I now hold. I received a most cordial and fraternal welcome and found over forty Masons present. This lodge has a very nice lodge room, conveniently situated, a beautiful ante or reception room, with writing table for its members, and a good ante-room and preparation room. I had the honor of being introduced to the officers of this lodge by R. W. Bro. Radcliffe, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, who I took in on my arm, as Bro. Radcliffe has nearly lost his sight, but is nearly always present at every meeting. I also met R. W. Bro. Tye, our Grand Registrar, along with visiting brethren, of whom several came from Morning Star Lodge. W. Bro. Gallow opened and closed in the three degrees, and he and his officers initiated a candidate in a creditable and efficient manner, considering the circumstances they are placed in, which I will mention later. Bro. Parsons, S. W., fills his position with dignity and promptness, so also does Bro. Dr. W. S. Turnbull, J. W., fill the South, and gave the Tracing Board, but, as I pointed out, it takes too much of the nature of a charge. This lodge has no tracing board, which I requested they would procure and allow the Wardens to properly ex-

plain as they progressed. Bro. Nairn, as S. D., filled this chair correctly, while Bro. Sturdy, as J. D., efficiently fulfilled his duties. The I. G., Bro. Andrews, is not up with his work, and I left him in the hands of the W. M. to properly post him. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. H. Tigert, keeps his books neatly and correctly, dues well paid up, and I was informed by R. W. Bro. Tye, G. R., that over \$130 had been collected for the S. C. Fund, which I strongly impressed on the lodge as a sacred Masonic duty. Now as to what I said I would refer to later. I find there are two or three members, who for some reason I could not ascertain, have for a long time persistently blackballed every petition, the candidate of the evening being an exception. This pernicious and unmasonic habit has taken the heart out of these officers and has discouraged them. R. W. Bros. Radcliffe and Tye, after my strong remarks on this disgraceful conduct, spoke in similar terms, also Treasurer Bro. Reynolds, and we all hope that good will result from our efforts. Otherwise this lodge is in good order and in charge of a splendid corps of officers. I also took the opportunity of telling the members the penalty of such conduct. The brethren asked a large number of excellent Masonic questions of great value to the young members. I closed the V. of the S. L. in harmony. A banquet took place in the commodious room for this purpose up-stairs, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed by all and a short toast list disposed of. I hope to have the honor of seeing a large number of the members at Morning Star Lodge on the evening of May 22.

Tudor Lodge, No. 144, Mitchell: May 21, 1907. I paid my official visit to this lodge this evening with pleasurable anticipation of finding everything in good order, as my esteemed friend, R. W. Bro. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., is a regular attendant at all the meetings and takes great interest in assisting the officers. The work of this evening was the raising of Bro. A. Hill, Jr., and he was prepared in all of his work in the most complete manner, repeating his obligation and explaining the working tools. His floor work was also perfect. The W. M., W. Bro. Mowbray, is devoted to his office, and so are all of his officers, leaving very little room for any criticism. At the proper place was introduced the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," by the Craft. Visitors from Sea-

forth and Stratford were present. After the lodge was closed a banquet was held, under R. W. Bro. Elliott, P. D. D. G. M., who conducted the toast list. I consider this lodge ranks among the most efficient in the district. I found the S. C. Fund in proper shape, and also witnessed a Board of Trial conducted by R. W. Bro. Elliott and two Past Masters.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309: May 22, 1907. For years it has been an ardent wish to pay a fraternal visit to this lodge, among the Craft known as "The Farmers' Lodge." I made my official visit to-night, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. Tye, Grand Registrar, and eight others. I was received in a most cordial and fraternal manner, being introduced by W. Bro. Robinson. I found a very efficient set of officers, with one exception, the I. G. To my great surprise I learned that the W. M., W. Bro. Jas. Bell, was initiated about five years ago, and next July will have reached the advanced age of 75 years. His work was good all through, it being an initiation. W. Bro. Robinson acted as J. D. in a correct manner. The Tracing Board was well given until near the end, when the young brother got nervous; but in all his work he shows the making of an excellent officer. The Secretary, W. Bro. Varcoe, keeps his books correctly and neatly, and fills his official chair in a manner leaving no room for a critic. This lodge is in excellent shape, owns its own building, and hold their banquet in a room set aside for that purpose. This lodge is situated in an agricultural district and all the members are engaged in farming.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: May 23, 1907. The officers of this lodge initiated a candidate and opened and closed in the three degrees, with only two errors. All of the officers are competent. The J. W., Bro. J. Scott, explained the Tracing Board in a faultless manner and in the most impressive mode. I complimented him on this part of the work. I answered a number of questions. Bro. Bonthron keeps his books carefully and advised me dues were well paid up. I was the guest of Bro. A. Brandt, D. of C. Visitors were present from Exeter and Seaforth. This is another lodge ranking among the best.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter: May 27, 1907. This lodge is one of the best in District No. 4.

I have noticed some of the officers of this lodge present in neighboring lodges when I was paying my official visits, which showed me the lively interest that was taken in the work of Lebanon Forest. I am unable, from the efficient work done from the O. G. up to the W. M., W. Bro. Fisher, to personalize any officer. I noticed by the register the Past Masters regularly attend, and where this is done I have found, without exception, excellent and proficient officers. R. W. Bro. Dickson, I. P. D. D. G. M., takes the same interest as he did last year. The work of this evening was the raising of a perfectly prepared candidate, and the W. M. informed me all candidates are prepared in a similar way, viz., answering questions, repeating obligation, and explaining the W. T. This lodge room is very convenient and comfortable, lighted by electricity, and well ventilated. Dues are well paid; S. C. Fund paid. Lodge room covered with insurance. A number of questions asked, the most important being, was it proper to place the ballot box on the V. of the S. L., the S. and C. I ruled not, it should be placed on the altar.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth: May 28, 1907. I officially visited this lodge this evening and found a large attendance of the members, also visitors from several I had the pleasure of seeing two candidates initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry. On making enquiries during the day I found the officers all lived an average of over six miles in the country. Two of them are 14 miles apart, so that it is almost impossible to meet for rehearsal. Under these adverse circumstances I was pleased with the work of the officers. The register shows a large attendance on regular nights. The W. M. takes great interest in the lodge and is impressive in his work. R. W. Bro. Tierney, P. D. D. G. M., gave the charge to the candidates in a masterly manner, is a regular attendant and adviser. Secretary's books properly and neatly kept; dues well paid. I fully explained the object of the S. C. Fund, in which this lodge appears interested. Prospects good.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: May 30, 1907. My visit to this lodge concludes my round of official visits. I shall always remember the cordial reception and this pleasant evening. The work was an initiation. The officers of this, the largest lodge in the district, was

perfect, leaving no room for me to use my official rights. The W. M., W. Bro. Monteith, opened and closed in the three degrees. I also witnessed a Board of Trial, conducted by R. W. Bro. Malcolm, P. D. D. G. M., with a visitor from a lodge in Scotland. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Chris. McLellan, keeps his books neat and correct. He also gave the charge to the candidate with his usual ability. Dues are paid up, so is the S. C. Fund. Regalia clean and in good order. Prospects the best. The material for membership carefully looked after. After the lodge closed a banquet was held in their large and commodious room. The reply to the toast of Grand Lodge was a masterly effort by R. W. Bro. Malcolm. A solo by Bro. Tilley was enchored. Auld Lang Syne was sung and all dispersed about midnight.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. G. HOLLY, D. D. G. M.,
South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Members during year.	Increase during year.	Membership.	Degree conferred		Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deaths.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
						E. A.	F. C.										M. M.	Meetings held.								
33	Maitland.	Goderich.	138	8	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	...	8	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$1200 00
73	St. James.	St. Mary's.	74	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	...	13	180 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
84	Clinton.	Clinton.	77	10	2	9	3	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	6 22	13	100 00	June 25, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
133	Leb. Forest.	Exeter.	89	3	4	4	0	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	100 00	4	41 00	June 24, '07	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	450 00	
141	Tudor.	Mitchell.	51	1	5	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	...	1	75 00	Dec. 19, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
144	Tecumseh.	Stratford.	167	21	13	13	13	1	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	25	39 00	31	342 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
154	Irving.	London.	80	3	4	4	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	...	3	20 00	Jan. 7, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
170	Brigantia.	Seaforth.	89	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	25 00	4	11 00	1906	Fair	Fair	Yes	750 00	
205	New Don't.	New Hamburg.	38	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	40 00	6	38 00	June 3, '07	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
234	Zurich.	Hensall.	80	5	8	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
235	Loric.	Park Hill.	66	1	12	10	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	40 00	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
303	Blyth.	Blyth.	53	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	80 00	3	25 00	Dec. 27, '06	V. Good	V. Good	Yes	1000 00	
304	Morn'g Star.	Smith's Hill.	96	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	...	7	...	June 24, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00	
318	Wilmot.	Baden.	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	15 00	4	25 00	Dec. 1906	Good	Good	Yes	250 00	
332	Stratford.	Stratford.	40	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
436	Fine.	Stratford.	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
UD	Milkerion.	Milkerion.	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	250 00

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in North Huron District No. 5. I desire to place on record my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the highest office in their gift. I also desire to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in the district for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me when paying my official visits. I appointed W. Bro. R. N. Sawyer, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, as District Secretary, and I have great pleasure in stating that he has discharged every duty of his office faithfully and efficiently.

On assuming office I wrote the W. Masters of the various lodges, pointing out to them the importance of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and urging them to make a special effort to complete their contribution to this fund. On my visit to the lodge I again brought the matter up and urged the brethren strongly to assist in carrying out so laudable a scheme for the assistance of unfortunate brethren and the widows and orphans of Masons. I am pleased to state that a number of the lodges have paid in full, and mostly all of the others promised to make a special effort to do the same, but I regret there are one or two who have not seen fit to do anything.

I am pleased to report that the greatest harmony prevails throughout the district, no grievances have been reported to me, and all the lodges prospering. I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the district.

DEATHS.

I received but very few reports of deaths of members of the Craft. The first report was from Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, informing me of the death of Bro. T. C. Bland, M. P. for North Bruce. Cedar Lodge, No.

396, Wiarton, mourns the loss of three members, in the persons of Bros. Capt. Jas. Crawford, C. N. Shaw and T. G. Davis, the former two going down on the ill-fated steamer Jones on November 22nd, 1906. Other deaths have occurred in the district, but the Secretaries have neglected to send me notice.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I held a Lodge of Instruction, more particularly for the benefit of the northern part of the district, on Thursday, June 13th, at Chesley, under the Warrant of Forest Lodge, No. 393, at which a goodly number were present.

The first degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Alex. Reid, W. M., and the officers of Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth, in the afternoon, after which the Wiarton, W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, of Cedar Lodge, giving the charges to the candidates in both degrees in a very impressive manner.

In the evening the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. J. Fisher, W. M., assisted by W. Bros. W. R. Burnett and H. B. Putnum, of Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley. The work of all three lodges was exceedingly well done, as the criticism committee, composed of R. W. Bros. Jas. Walmsley and W. J. Ferguson, P. D. D. G. M's of Cedar Lodge, and W. Bro. C. J. Mickle, Forest Lodge, Chesley, and myself had very little to do, and it was generally conceded that the work done was the best at any Lodge of Instruction held in this district. I have to thank the W. M's of the three lodges for their attendance, and also the W. M. and members of Forest Lodge for their kind and courteous treatment.

VISITS.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge at the regular meeting on March 6, 1907. There was a good attendance of members and a good number of visitors present. W. Bro. Wm. Hay, W. M., and the S. W. were unavoidably absent, being in London seeking higher degrees in Masonry. The W. M's chair, therefore, was occupied by R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, P. D. D. G. M., the other chairs being occupied by the regular officers, with the exception of the S. W's. The lodge was opened and closed in perfect style and the third degree exemplified

on a well prepared candidate in a very correct manner. The charge in the Book of Constitution was delivered very impressively by V. W. Bro. E. Miller. Owing to the regrettable illness of Bro. R. D. Hall, Secretary, V. W. Bro. James Macpherson acted in that capacity. This lodge is the oldest in the district and one of the first to pay in full the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. They are also very liberal in contributing to purposes of relief. The lodge room is handsomely decorated and comfortably furnished. The courtesy and kindness shown to me during my visit by R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, Bro. Madden and other members of the lodge will always be a pleasant recollection of the spirit of Freemasonry as practised by the brethren of Northern Light. After the lodge was closed the brethren assembled in their banqueting hall, where the fourth degree was exemplified in a most agreeable and hospitable manner.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On the evening of March 27th, 1907, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. John Macaulay, Bro. Arthur Watt, of Cedar Lodge, and Bro. Alex. Purvis, of Gore Bay Lodge. There was a good attendance of members. W. Bro. William Logie, W. M., with his officers, opened and closed in all the degrees and exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge owns the building in which they meet and use the lower story for a refreshment room, where we adjourned after the lodge was closed and partook of an excellent supper, at which many splendid speeches were made, interspersed with some of the finest singing it has been my privilege to listen to, which brought a most profitable and enjoyable evening to a close.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My visit here was at the regular meeting on Monday, February 25th, 1907. There was a fair attendance of members and I was kindly received by the brethren. W. Bro. R. H. Harris, W. M., and his regular officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner and exemplified the first degree. W. Bro. Thos. Brown then conferred the second degree, after which W. Bro. Geo. Allen exemplified the second degree on another candidate. The work in each degree was well rendered. I was pleased to have with me on this occasion R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchinson, of Fordwich Lodge, P. D. D. G. M.

After the lodge was closed I spent a very pleasant hour with the brethren in speeches and song. I very much regret to have to report that this lodge has not seen fit to contribute anything as yet to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but promised to take the matter up.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: Was visited at an emergent meeting on Friday, the 8th of March, 1907. W. Bro. A. T. Davison, W. M. of the lodge, with his efficient staff of officers, conferred the third degree in a very commendable manner. They also opened and closed the lodge well. The dues are well paid and the lodge is in a flourishing condition. The building is owned by the lodge and the rooms are very comfortable. After the lodge was closed an adjournment was made to one of the hotels, where the brethren were well entertained, and thus ended another pleasant evening of my official work in this district.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: On Tuesday, the 12th of March, 1907, I made my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting arranged to suit the W. M. There was a fairly good attendance of members. The first degree was conferred on a very bright candidate by W. Bro. John W. McIntyre, W. M., and his officers, all being done in a very creditable manner. I was pleased to see a good turnout of Past Masters, among whom were R. W. Bro. H. Clark, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bros. John Grainger, Herbert Courtney and others. A very pleasant time was spent with the brethren at a luncheon which was served after the lodge was closed.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: On April the 26th, 1907, I paid my official visit to this lodge, it being their regular meeting night. W. Bro. John H. Blackmore, W. M., and the regular officers opened and closed in the several degrees, and conferred the second degree in a perfect manner. The attendance was good and the brethren evinced a keen interest in everything pertaining to the good of the Craft. There was a very large turnout of Past Masters, which is one of the best signs of a lodge's prosperity, and I had the pleasant task of presenting four Past Masters Jewels in recognition of valuable services rendered. I was pleased to renew acquaintances with a great many of the brethren whom I had known more or less intimately for a number of years, and especially R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell.

who has rendered me valuable assistance on several occasions, and I take this opportunity of expressing to him my hearty thanks. The books of this lodge are kept in splendid order by V. W. Bro. J. J. Foster, the Secretary, and the prospects of the lodge are very bright indeed. A very pleasant time was spent at luncheon in the lodge room at the close of the meeting.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited here at an emergent meeting on Wednesday, 13th of March, 1907, and also had the pleasure of dedicating their new lodge rooms at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge assembled in a convenient room and was opened in ample form. P. M's from Bruce Lodge, Tiverton; Moravian Lodge, Eden Grove; Forest Lodge, Chesley, and Aldworth Lodge, filling the Grand lodges offices and assisting in performing the sacred rites of the dedication ceremonies. There was a large attendance of members and a great many visitors from the above lodges present. The dedication ceremonies being concluded, the W. M., W. Bro. J. P. Fisher, and his regular officers exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in all of them in a masterly manner. The lecture on the tracing board was splendidly given by Bro. R. B. Grant, J. W. W. Bro. H. B. Putnum is a painstaking and efficient Secretary, and the finances are well looked after by W. Bro. W. R. Barnett, a most enthusiastic Mason. The new lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished. After the meeting an excellent supper was partaken of at one of the hotels, where a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: In accordance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master to dedicate the new lodge rooms of Teeswater Lodge on November 29th, I did so, also making the occasion my official visit. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. D. D. Campbell, of Bernard Lodge, Listowel, who ably assisted me in the solemn rites of the dedication ceremonies, along with R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, V. W. Bro. Bell, V. W. Bro. Rev. Boyle, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who acted as Grand Chaplain, and W. Bros. H. Bell, V. R. VanNorman and Vanstone, from Wingham, and other Past Masters from Harriston, Wroxeter and Blyth. After the dedication ceremonies were performed and the Grand Lodge closed in ample

form, W. Bro. S. R. Brill, W. M., and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and exemplified part of the third degree (there being no regular candidate) to the satisfaction, I am sure, of every brother present. The Wingham brethren ran a special train, bringing over forty members with them, which made a gathering of about seventy-five. The brethren of Teeswater Lodge have every reason to feel proud of their new rooms, which are everything that could be desired. Every member contributed something toward furnishing it, and they have it all paid for. After the lodge work was completed a banquet was enjoyed at one of the hotels, followed by the customary toasts, interspersed by some excellent singing from members of the lodge and Bro. A. S. Savage, Aylmer.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I made my official visit here on Monday, 4th of March, 1907, at an emergent meeting called by the W. M. at my request. There was a very small attendance of members present. The W. M., W. Bro. Jas. Ballantyne, was not among the number until after the work was over, he having to attend a meeting of the Town Council regarding a new library site. W. Bro. Malcolm Black and the regular officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees and exemplified the second degree to my entire satisfaction. W. Bro. John H. Cameron gave the working tools and the lecture in the southeast corner in a very effective and correct manner. I regret that this lodge has not taken up the Semi-Centennial Fund with much enthusiasm, although they are practising charity at home in a very tangible manner. At the meeting previous to my visit they presented their esteemed Tyler, Bro. J. W. Kirk, with a new coal stove, three tons of coal, and a purse of gold, the occasion being his 50th anniversary as a Mason. Bro. Wright, as Secretary, keeps his books very neatly. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served in the lodge room.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: I visited here at the regular meeting on the 5th March, 1907. Thirty-four members and twenty-three visitors were in attendance. W. Bro. H. O. Bell, W. M., and his regular officers conferred the second degree on a candidate well prepared for advancement, in a very satisfactory manner, and also opened and closed the lodge in the different de

grees in good style. The charge in the Book of Constitution was given in a very correct and most impressive manner by R. W. Bro. Boyle, P. G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. There was a large attendance of P. M's, which is always a sure sign of a live lodge. Among the visitors was R. W. Bro. Lewis H. Dickson, of Exeter, P. D. D. G. M. of South Huron District No. 4, and also brethren from Scotland and Quebec. The lodge room is one of the handsomest and best furnished in the district, and R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, P. D. D. G. M., makes a very efficient Secretary, his books being neatly and correctly kept. After labor we adjourned for refreshment to one of the hotels, where the visitors and myself were entertained at a most magnificent banquet, where the and sons, which was highly appreciated.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I had a very enjoyable visit here on the evening of February 26th, the W. M., W. Bro. John Henneberg, very kindly calling an emergent meeting. There was a fair attendance of members, who received me very cordially. The initiatory degree was given by the W. M., W. Bro. Hanneberg, and his officers in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden's lecture was well given. At my request the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchinson, the Secretary, sees that the brethren pay their dues promptly, and they have a good surplus in the Treasury. After labor a very pleasant time was spent in speeches and stories, which brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on Thursday, March 7th, 1907, when the W. M., W. Bro. A. R. Bell, and his regular officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees and conferred the third degree on a fairly well prepared candidate in a very commendable manner, the latter part of the work being given by R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, of Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, in a very faultless manner. The following brethren from Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, very kindly drove me out to Tiverton: R. W. Bro. M. J. Macpherson, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, and Bros. Madden, Cassidy and Malcolm. The lodge room is very comfortable, and the books are well looked after by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. M. Bowie. After the close of the meeting I was entertained along with the

visitors at a very inviting banquet at one of the hotels, where we spent a very pleasant time in speech and song. I there had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, to present W. Bros. J. A. McKellar, D. A. McLaren and F. C. Fawcett with P. M's jewels, in recognition of their faithful and devoted services.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I visited this lodge and installed the officers for the ensuing year on January 28th, 1907. R. W. Bros. Jas. Walmsley and W. J. Ferguson, P. D. D. G. M's of this district, V. W. Bro. N. M. Moore and W. Bro. John Macaulay, all members of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, accompanied me and rendered valuable services in the installation ceremonies. There was no work on hand, but the installed master, W. Bro. Rev. Diehl, opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and under his guidance I bespeak for Maple Leaf a very successful year, as the W. M. is well qualified to administer the affairs of the lodge. W. Bro. James A. McDonald and Bro. A. Telford, veteran members, discharge the duties of Secretary and Treasurer with satisfaction, the finances being in a satisfactory condition. Bro. Rev. D. Currie, of Desbro, who had been attending a meeting of the Presbytery in Owen Sound that day, after arriving home late in the evening, took a fresh horse and drove to Tara to attend the meeting, which shows a very commendable spirit of Masonry. A sumptuous repast was partaken of by the members and visitors at the British Hotel at the close of the meeting.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: On Tuesday, February 5th, 1907, I made my official visit to this lodge at the regular meeting, accompanied by W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, District Secretary. There was a fairly good attendance of members present, and I was pleased with my reception by the brethren. The opening and closing in the three degrees was well done by W. Bro. Wm. Halliday, W. M., and his officers, and they conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner, W. Bro. Chas. Smellie assisting by giving the working tools and the lecture in the southeast angle. As the charge in the Book of Constitution is always read here, I requested W. Bro. R. W. Sawyer to deliver it, which he did in a very correct and impressive manner. W. Bro. W. T. Ross is a very efficient Secretary, and I am delighted to state that this lodge has paid

in full the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. After the close of meeting we were entertained at an excellent supper at the Windsor Hotel.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: This being my mother lodge, at whose meetings I am usually present, I made my official visit at the regular meeting on the 25th of June, 1907. The brethren showed their appreciation of the honor conferred on the lodge by having one of their number elected to the office of D. D. G. M. by giving me a cordial reception. There was a large attendance of members and P. M's and quite a number of visitors present, the most distinguished being R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright, of Owen Sound, D. D. G. M. of Georgian District No. 9, who had kindly accepted a very cordial invitation from me to be present and criticize the work, I having accepted and availed myself of a similar invitation from him when he visited his own and St. George's Lodges in Owen Sound, when I spent a most enjoyable evening. He was accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. A. L. Danard and Bros. George Menzies and J. F. McCallum, of Owen Sound. The work for the evening was the passing of a well prepared and intelligent candidate by W. Bro. J. E. Sutherby, W. M., and his regular officers. It gave me much pleasure to congratulate the W. M. and his officers on the splendid manner in which the work and the opening and closing in the degrees was exemplified. The S. W., Bro. W. M. Newman, gave the lecture on the tracing board in a faultless manner. R. W. Bro. Wright also expressed his pleasure in seeing the work so well done, and congratulated the W. M. and officers on the high standard of proficiency they had attained. Bro. E. Y. Jackson, the J. W., sees that the social side of Masonry is not neglected, for when the lodge was closed we adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very pleasant hour was spent in speeches and song.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I made my visit here at an emergent called by the W. M. on Thursday, 6th June, 1907. There was a good attendance of members. The opening and closing of the three degrees was well done. W. Bro. John W. Miller, W. M., conferred the third degree on a substitute candidate, the later part of the work being given by W. Bro. August G. Miller, I. P. M. Both Masters did their respective parts

splendidly. They have a very comfortable lodge room, and the Secretary's books are well looked after by W. Bro. G. W. Smith. A very appetizing luncheon was provided and enjoyed by me with the brethren at the close of the meeting.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: I spent a most enjoyable evening on my visit to Moravian Lodge on Wednesday, February 27th, 1907. There was a large attendance, quite a number of the brethren from Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, being present. W. Bro. John Bradley, W. M., with his officers, opened and closed in all the degrees and conferred the second degree on a well-prepared candidate in a very creditable manner. I do not think I ever heard the lecture on the tracing board given better than Bro. Alex. McKeenan, S. W., gave it. This lodge is to be commended on the excellent work done by all of its officers, and I have pleasure in reporting that this lodge is doing good work, although situated in a very small village, where the advantages of practising together are not as great as in larger places. After the close of the meeting I was entertained with the visitors to a sumptuous repast in the lodge room, as well as good speeches, songs and stories, the visitors from Paisley contributing their share to the program. W. Bro. Thos. Chittick, a Past Master of Moravian Lodge, but now residing in Guelph, was present, and assisted in the entertainment. W. Bro. G. Sirrs made an excellent chairman. It will be some time before I forget the pleasant evening spent with the brethren of Moravian Lodge.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on Friday, May 31st, 1907, when the W. M., W. Bro. F. J. Tizzard, and his regular officers conferred the first degree on a substitute candidate in capital style. There was a fairly good attendance of members and quite a number of Past Masters present, which I was pleased to see. I am delighted to state that this lodge has paid in full its Semi-Centennial Benevolent. This lodge has quite a number of enthusiastic Masons, and their prospects look brighter than they have for some time. I spent a very pleasant hour at luncheon in the lodge room, which was interspersed with good singing and splendid stories.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: My visit to this lodge on the evening of May 28th, their regular meeting

night, was a very pleasant one. There being no regular work on, the W. M., W. Bro. Alex. Reid, and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very commendable manner, also opening and closing in the several degrees in good style. The lecture on the tracing board was splendidly given by the J. W., Bro. A. J. Reid, and W. Bro. A. W. Baines, of Cedar Lodge, delivered the charge in the Book of Constitution in a very impressive manner. I noticed by the register that W. Bros. Dr. Campbell, J. E. Campbell and Thos. E. Reid are usually present to render advice and assistance in the work. V. W. Bro. J. E. Johnston, of Fort William, V. W. Bro. N. M. Moore, W. Bros. A. W. Baines, Rev. James Nicol, J. E. Sutherby, W. M., and Bros. W. M. Newman, D. Huether and Robt. Laurie, of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, were kind enough to drive out with me to Hepworth. After the closing of the lodge members and visitors sat down to an excellent supper at one of the hotels, where many eloquent speeches were made, and a most profitable and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

In conclusion I feel safe in predicting a continuance of the prosperity and harmony at present existing in the 5th Masonic District, and again express my thankfulness to the brethren as a whole for the kindly treatment meted out to me and for the manner in which my efforts have been seconded during my term of office. If the moral tone of the brethren and the ideals of true Masonry have been stimulated or promoted by my humble efforts, and if I could feel assured that my brethren are the better for my slight services, rendered cheerfully on their behalf, I would feel amply compensated for the labors of the office. I especially desire to acknowledge the kindness and advice given me by R. W. Bros. W. J. Ferguson and Jas. Walmsley, of my own lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. J. CAMERON, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Memberships.	Degree's conferred.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Suspensions.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
93	North'n L'e	Kincardine.....	96	4	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28 00	0	0	Jan'y, 1907	\$1,015 81	Fair	Yes	\$280 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton.....	74	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	61 00	0	0	July 3, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$200 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter.....	42	7	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 00	0	0	Jan. 14, '07	Good	Good	No	400 00
184	Old Light.	Lucknow.....	98	9	9	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	0	0	Dec. 29, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
187	Saugeen	Walkerton.....	73	4	3	4	6	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21 00	0	0	Jan. 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
225	Barnes	Lakowel.....	88	3	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44 00	0	0	Jan. 23, '07	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
253	Aldworth	Paisley.....	53	1	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70 00	0	0	June 24, '06	Good	Good	No	300 00
276	Teaswater	Teaswater.....	93	5	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
284	St. John's	Brussels.....	68	9	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23 50	0	0	June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	950 00
296	Windsor	Windsor.....	85	4	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 00	0	0	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
331	Forest	Port Huron.....	44	6	6	6	6	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40 00	0	0	Jan'y, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
332	Maple Leaf	Tara.....	43	9	8	8	8	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56 00	0	0	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
347	Bruce	Tipton.....	89	4	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	120 00	0	0	Jan'y, 1907	Fair	Good	Yes	1000 00
366	cedar	Warton.....	103	2	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
424	Port Egin	Port Egin.....	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23 00	0	0	June 1, '07	Good	Favorable	Yes	250 00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove.....	56	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52 00	0	0	Jan. 7, '07	V. Good	Good	Yes	None
478	Hanger	Hanger.....	47	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27 00	0	0	Dec. 20, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	450 00
486	Huron	Huron.....	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50 00	0	0	Dec. 30, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00

WILSON DIVISION NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of this district for the past Masonic year. Before doing so I wish to thank the representatives of the various lodges in the district for the very high honor they conferred upon me in electing me D. D. G. M. for the past year. It has been a season of profit and pleasure to me, and I can only express the hope that the brethren of the different lodges throughout the district have experienced a like result from my visits to them. I have made many friends and met many brethren that it was a great privilege to meet, and I can truly say that in no instance has there been the slightest drawback of any kind to mar the harmony and kindly feeling that should always exist among the members of our ancient and beloved Craft. My first official duty was the issuing of a circular letter to the various lodges in the district calling the attention of the members and officers to the necessity of procuring the new Constitution for the use of the officers at least, and also to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Several of the lodges have made payments to this fund, and a few have paid in full the amount for which they are liable, while others are arranging plans to raise the money as expeditiously as possible. I also appointed W. Bro. Fred. Downs, of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, My District Secretary.

I visited all the lodges in the district except the one in Scotland, and I regret that I could not arrange a meeting there. I could not go there on a regular night and could not get an emergent communication on account of the Master living several miles away, and the members being principally farmers they were unable to leave their work to come in, as the lateness of the season caused most farming operations to be much behind. I find all the lodges in a good, healthy and prosperous condition, the

work is well done, and there was little to criticize and much to commend. Two or three of the smaller lodges, from their geographical position, are not as strong as they might be, having a poor section to draw candidates from, but even with this drawback they are going ahead, and considering the difficulty of their position are doing fairly well.

I regret to say that twice or three times during my term of office it has pleased the G. A. of the Universe to remove some of our brethren to the Grand Lodge above. The first of these was V. W. Bro. John R. Boles, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, of Ingersoll, who died July 28th, 1906; W. Bro. Joseph Rippon, one of the oldest Past Masters of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, of Woodstock, and Bro. Arch. Pow, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, of Tillsonburg. I attended the different funerals and assisted in paying the last sad offices of respect to departed merit.

There was no Lodge of Instruction held during the year.

My first official visit took place on October 25th, 1906, to Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, at Port Rowan. Here I met the W. M., W. Bro. Biddle, and the faithful and efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Ryan, one of the pillars of this lodge and an earnest and willing worker along Masonic lines. There was no work on hand, so the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and if the work done can be judged by the manner in which this part of it was performed it would be well and ably carried out. I spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality.

On October 26th I visited Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, which, in spite of its high number, is still an old lodge under a new numbering. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. John Pow, the Secretary, on my arrival in the village, with whom I went and secured quarters in the hotel. I then went around and met several of the members. In the evening I met W. Bro. Dunkin and his Wardens and a number of the members whom I had not previously seen. I witnessed a second degree, and the work was well handled. This lodge has made a fairly good payment to the S. C. Fund, with a promise of more to follow. I met several brethren from Norfolk, No. 10, of Simcoe, who visited Vittoria on this occasion. I left the lodge well pleased with my trip, and also with the prosperous

condition of the craft in this village, and I felt that the destinies of the lodge were in good hands.

My next outing took in Springfield Lodge, No. 259, on November 26th, and Oriental Lodge, No. 181, of Port Burwell, on November 27th. My visit to Springfield lodge was one of unalloyed pleasure and profit to me. This is a thoroughly business lodge. They have a good comfortable room, of fairly large size, and well furnished. I was met by Bro. Tough, the manager of the Traders' Bank in the village, and W. Bro. George Mullen, who looked after my comfort and well being for the time at the hotel, where the best was none too good for me. I cannot speak too highly of the warmth of the hospitality of the brethren of this lodge. My welcome was courteous and fraternal to the last degree, and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit here. When lodge was called to order I met the W. M., W. Bro. McLaughlin, and W. Bro. Geo. Stewart and about 30 other brethren, as well as several visitors. Unfortunately there was no work for the evening, but the W. M. opened and closed in the different degrees. The work was beautifully done and showed close attention on the part of the officers to the various small details which mark exact work. The text was adhered to closely, and the Deacons in collecting the pass words performed their duty with military precision and correctness. The Wardens also deserved praise for their work, which showed that the efforts of W. Bros. Stewart and Mullen to bring their lodge up to a high standard of excellence had proved most successful. After the lodge was closed a banquet was spread in the room, which was made all the more enjoyable by the presence of the wives, daughters, etc., of the members. Music and song, with speeches and recitations interspersed, caused the meeting to pass all too quickly until the Junior Warden's toast and Auld Lang Syne brought to an end the most pleasant visit that fell to my lot during my official life. This lodge is enjoying great prosperity. There is not a cent of arrearages, and the dues of every brother were paid in full at the time of my visit, while the entire quota of the S. C. Fund for this lodge has been paid in to the Grand Secretary.

From here I went to Port Burwell and visited Oriental Lodge. This is one of the smallest lodges in the district. Being situated on the lake shore, and only two and a half

miles from Vienna, it cannot be expected to make any great progress. If it could be arranged in any way to amalgamate this lodge and Vienna lodge I think it would be in the best interests of both lodges, and a good strong lodge would be the result. The idea, however, did not seem to find any favor in the minds of the brethren. With all drawbacks Oriental is progressing. Slowly it may be, but the material taken in is good, and if the village increases in size there will yet be a good lodge in this place. The W. M., W. Bro. Backus, was just at the end of his term, and his successor is a young and energetic officer, who gives promise of being a good worker. A second degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Kemp for the W. M. The work on the part of the Master and Wardens was well done, but the deacon was not up to the mark. I would advise the incoming Master to maintain strict discipline during work and try and improve the floor work of his minor officers.

On December 12th I visited the lodge in Tillsonburg, King Hiram, No. 78, of which W. Bro. Denton was Master and W. Bro. Raynes the courteous and efficient Secretary. There were a number of visitors present from outside lodges. Two candidates were on hand for a first degree, and I had the pleasure of seeing the W. M. and his officers do the work, which was done in a highly creditable and finished manner. The officers thoroughly understood their work and performed it well, and the candidates were good bright subjects. After the first degree was conferred by the Master and officers of the lodge. I was requested to confer the degree on the second candidate, which I did, and I can only express the hope that the officers and members present were as well satisfied with my work as I was with theirs. This lodge had the misfortune a year or two ago to be burnt out, when they lost everything, so the members decided to build a Masonic home for themselves, which they did. They have the largest and one of the most beautiful rooms in the district. They are progressing well, both numerically, and in a year or two more will be out of debt and the owners of a good building and equipment. One thing that struck my attention was the very large membership of young men. There were but very few brethren in the room past the meridian of life. The officers were all young men and they are certainly to be compli-

mented on their courage and good work. The dues are well paid up and there are only very slight arrearages. This is one of the prosperous lodges of the district.

On the 27th of December I visited my mother lodge, Oxford, No. 76, and King Solomon, No. 43, of this city, of which I have also the honor to be a life member. We are generally visited by a goodly number of brethren from outside lodges, and this evening proved no exception. There was a large membership of the lodge present to welcome me, which the officers and brethren did right royally. It was the festival of St. John the Evangelist, it was the evening for installation of officers of Oxford Lodge, a duty which I had the honor to perform, and I had the pleasure of placing W. Bro. Sykes in the chair of King Solomon, where he had a good support by a staff of exceedingly capable and efficient officers. Both the lodges in this city are in a very flourishing condition, and both have added largely to their membership during the past year. The material added has been of the best possible kind, and the prospects for both lodges look very prosperous. At the close of the ceremony of installation I had the pleasure of presenting the retiring W. M. with a handsome jewel, to mark the appreciation of the brethren for his services. W. Bro. Down made a suitable reply and thanked the brethren for office, and his officers for their assistance and co-operation in the work of the year. At the close of the meeting a most enjoyable season was spent in the banquet room, where speeches and song held sway until the J. W.'s toast brought to an end a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Accompanied by Bros. Revell, Pond and Wilson, and W. Bros. Hewitt and Johnston, I visited Plattsville Lodge on the 28th of December. I found a good gathering of the members and was welcomed by W. Bro. Bristow, the W. M., and the Secretary, W. Bro. Henderson. As I had come for the purpose of installing the officers for the year there was no work on hand, so after the opening was completed I proceeded at once with the installation ceremony, after which I addressed the members present for a few minutes. The Semi-Centennial Fund underwent some discussion and several questions were asked me, which I disposed of to the best of my ability. The dues, etc., of this lodge are well paid up, and there are few ar-

rears, but on account of small membership and many members being absent continuously from the district the lodge is somewhat strained financially. I inspected the Secretary's books, and it certainly was a pleasure to me to see them. They are the best kept set in the district, and W. Bro. Henderson is to be complimented on the exceeding neatness and accuracy with which he does his work. Any minute required can be found in a moment, while the cash book was an ideal one. I complimented Bro. Henderson on his work, and he certainly deserved it.

On January 24th I visited Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, of Innerkip. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Sykes, Down and McGachie, and several brethren of King Solomon and Oxford lodges. The W. M., who was a physician, was unavoidably absent at the opening, so W. Bro. Town, the oldest Past Master and chief support of the lodge, performed the opening ceremony. I installed the officers for the year, in which I was assisted by several of the visiting brethren. This lodge, considering its small numbers, is in a good financial position. They own their room and building, which are well insured, and they have lately renovated the entire premises. They have had several initiations during the year, so are growing as well as can be expected. The lodge has a good executive officer in Bro. R. J. Irving, the Secretary, and to this fact they owe much of their success.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, of Norwich, was my next objective point, and I visited there on January 30th. I met R. W. Bro. Crysler, of Delhi; Rt. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, W. Bro. Hulett, and a goodly number of the brethren of the lodge. I had the pleasure of seeing a third degree worked by W. Bro. Hulett, assisted by his officers, and there was very little to criticize in the work; it was well done. There was a slight amount of nervousness, which is natural in officers but newly installed, but this will soon disappear. Every officer knew his work and did it. This lodge is in good condition financially and numerically, and is growing in a very satisfactory manner. The dues are well paid up, very few members in arrears, thanks to the worthy Secretary, Bro. Poldon, who looks after his office in a businesslike manner and does not allow the members to fall behind for want of a reminder. The brethren here have paid in a large part of their assessment to the S. C. Fund, and more is forth-

coming. After the lodge was closed I spent a very pleasant time with the brethren in the banquet room until the fleeting hours forced us to stop, and I took my departure well pleased with the condition of St. John's, No. 104.

I visited Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, on February 26th. This is the oldest lodge in the district and the birthplace of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for here lived and died one of the grandest Masons in our country, Wm. Mercer Wilson, Esq., the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Here he practised and taught Masonry for many years, and his memory is still green among the brethren of No. 10. I met here W. Bro. Huffman, the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. McIntosh, and a number of brethren. The attendance was not large on account of the night. The W. M. and his officers worked a first degree in a very impressive and correct manner, and all the officers were well up in their duties and work. This lodge is doing well and is in a flourishing condition.

On the 27th February I drove over from Simcoe, accompanied by W. Bro. Haddon, of Waterford, to visit Wilson Lodge, No. 113. On my arrival there I was met by R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross and several brethren. After tea we proceeded to the lodge room, and then I had the pleasure of meeting visitors from Simcoe, Brantford, Rochester, U. S., and Scotland. Lodge opened in due form, after which a first and second degree were to be conferred, but the candidate for the first degree disappointed the Master and we had to open up and go on with the work in the second degree. This was conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Huffman, of Norfolk, No. 10, who had previously made this arrangement with the W. M. of Wilson Lodge, who was to have done the first degree. The officers of this lodge are well posted, thoroughly up in their work, and show evidence of careful training and rehearsal. They have a handsome room, well furnished, and exceedingly comfortable, and very convenient in all its appointments for the work in the several degrees. This lodge, in several respects, is the banner lodge of the district, with a membership of 130. They have not one cent of arrears on the books, and at the time of my visit every brother's dues were paid up in full. They have also paid in a very large part of their quota to the S. C. Fund. R. W. Bro. Ross is the moving spirit

of the lodge, and in conjunction with W. Bro. Bowlby, who presides over the affairs financial, they keep the lodge up to a high standard of efficiency. After the work of the evening was completed we adjourned to the Beemer House, where a bountiful repast was partaken of, and then speech, song and recitation followed until the "wee sma' hours," when the meeting broke up with

Happy to meet,
 Sorry to part,
 Happy to meet again.

The evening of March 1st found me in Ingersoll, where I paid my official visit to a joint meeting of King Hiram, No. 37, and St. John's, No. 68. I was accompanied on this trip by a large number of the brethren from Woodstock, as the electric road was very convenient both for going and returning. I witnessed a first degree by the officers of King Hiram Lodge. The degree was fairly well done. Some of the minor officers will improve by practice, and a few rehearsals would do no harm, more especially for the Deacons. The Wardens were well up in the work of their respective offices, and the Junior Warden's lecture was especially well given. After the work was finished I spoke to the brethren for a short time and explained some features of the S. C. Furd. I understand that a by-law has been passed in King Hiram to pay the full amount due from the lodge to this fund from the treasury of the lodge without calling on individual members to contribute, except in the case of life members, and they were appealed to personally and all agreed to pay their proportion. After the lodge closed we had refreshments in the lodge room and an hour of pleasant conversation with the brethren until the call to the car broke up a very pleasurable meeting.

March 26th I had the pleasure of a visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 82, of Paris. I was met at the station by R. W. Bro. James Smiley and taken to the hotel. After tea we adjourned to the lodge room, where we found the attendance small an account of the weather. There had been very heavy rain all afternoon, which prevented any outside brethren from coming to the meeting. Just after I arrived at the room a very severe thunder storm came up, and at the moment when I was announced a flash of lightning turned out all the electric light arrangements

and left the room in total darkness. After a considerable search the six candle holders belonging to the chapter were found, and with three of these on each side of the room, holding lighted candles, we held the meeting. There was no work, as none could be done under the circumstances. The Master opened and closed in the three degrees, which work was well done. The lodge is in good condition and progressing favorably, the material taken is the best obtainable, and I think the brethren are to be complimented on the high standard of candidates they admit. After the meeting we had a very profitable hour in the ante-room, where a lunch was spread, and I returned to my hotel well satisfied with the future of St. John's, No. 82.

I visited Thistle Lodge, No. 250, of Embro, on March 28th, and it was literally a case of working my passage. The roads were in a dreadful state, mud everywhere, and even the gravel roads were almost bottomless. I arrived in time to see the opening of the lodge. Here I met W. Bro. Jas. Brown, the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Green, W. Bro. Monroe, and Bro. Creighton, the Secretary. There was a candidate for the meeting, but on account of the roads he was unable to get in. Another applicant was balloted for and accepted. This lodge is improving. They have a comfortable new room, larger than the old one, and better furnished, and prospects for progress are bright. They are in fairly good financial circumstances, and taking everything into consideration Thistle Lodge is more firmly on its feet than it has been for some years. I was well entertained by the brethren of the lodge. The visit was a pleasure to me, and I hope profitable to the members.

On March 29th I had the great pleasure of making a visit with R. W. Bro. O'Neil, of London District No. 3, to Delaware Valley Lodge in the village of Delaware. The original lodge in this village was instituted by my father, R. W. Bro. John Dutton, of old Huron District, and he was the first Master of the lodge nearly 50 years ago. I found that all the old members had passed away except one, who I did not see on this trip, but I found in the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Harker, an old friend of my boyhood days. I enjoyed the trip exceedingly, and extend my thanks to Bro. O'Neil for his kindness in asking me to accompany him.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: I visited this lodge on April 10th and was met by R. W. Bro. Crysler and W. Bro. Wedd, who had arranged an emergency meeting for my visit. There was no work on hand, so the Master opened and closed in the several degrees. The officers are well up in their work and performed their several portions of the ceremony in good style. They have a very good room, of fair size, and convenient for degree work. The lodge is prosperous financially and increasing in numbers, and prospects are bright for a good year. After the meeting there was a short time of social chat and discussion in the banquet room, and the meeting broke up with Auld Lang Syne.

My official visit to Vienna Lodge, No. 237, of Vienna, was made on April 11th. Being unfortunate to miss the train connection from Delhi, I had to drive from Tilsonburg to this village over the worst roads I met in my rounds. On my arrival I hunted up R. W. Bro. Clutton and he soon found some of the rest of the brethren to whom I was introduced. After tea we went to the lodge room and found a goodly number present. The W. M. and officers conferred the second degree on an exceptionally bright candidate, and the work was generally well done. Some slight errors I called the attention of the officers to, and suggested some improvements, which I think will be carried out. There were several members of Oriental, Port Burwell, present, including the W. M., W. Bro. Hollywood, and the S. W., Bro. McCrimmon. This lodge is in comfortable circumstances. They own their lodge room, which is both neatly furnished and convenient. After the meeting we had the usual entertainment in the banquet room, which broke up at an early hour, as many of the members reside in the country, and the roads were so bad that driving was more of a labor than a pleasure.

I officially visited Erie Lodge, No. 149, of Port Dover, on June 10th. I was met at the station by W. Bro. Miller, R. W. Bro. Waddell, W. Bro. Davis, and several other brethren, who escorted me to my hotel, after which we repaired to the lodge room. There was an exceedingly good meeting and work in the first degree. The work done by the Master and his officers was very good and shows careful coaching on the part of R. W. Bros. Waddell and Dr. Kennedy. After the work I had the

honor and very great pleasure of presenting the regalia of a P. D. D. G. M. to R. W. Bro. Waddell, as a mark of appreciation by the district of his services whilst acting in the capacity of District Master. Bro. Waddell acknowledged the gift in a few well chosen remarks and thanked the brethren for their kindness. R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy then presented the I. P. M., W. Bro. Davis, with a P. M's jewel, and the W. brother made a feeling reply. This lodge has a handsome new room, as they were unfortunate enough to be burnt out a year ago. The room is well appointed and well and comfortably furnished, and very convenient for the work of the several degrees. It is increasing in membership, and in a short time, when fully recovered from the effects of the fire and consequent after expense, will be in easy financial circumstances. This is a good lodge with very bright prospects.

On June 21st I visited Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, situated in Princeton. I was accompanied by Bro. Revell, of King Solomon Lodge, of Woodstock. This was an emergency meeting, called for the purpose of installing the officers for the year, which ceremony I performed. I had no opportunity of seeing any work, but from previous visits I know that the officers are good and capable men and fully posted in the work of their respective offices. I had the pleasure of being present when the W. M., W. Bro. Vickert, received his third degree, and I was very much pleased to see that the brethren had recognized his ability and energy by advancing him so rapidly to the Master's chair. Bro. Daniels is also a good and efficient Secretary and one of the mainstays of the lodge. I renewed an old acquaintance here with R. W. Bro. Smiley, who had come from Paris to be present at this meeting of his mother lodge. After the work of the evening I was royally entertained at a banquet at the Dake House, where we spent the hours in speech and song until I had to leave, as I had a twelve mile drive to get home. This lodge is growing slowly, but is in good condition, with good prospects for future welfare.

On the 26th of June I made my last official trip to Burford Lodge, No. 106, of Burford. I was accompanied by Bro. McQueen, W. Bro. Haddon, of Waterford Lodge, and Bro. L. E. Edwards, S. W. of King Solomon Lodge, Woodstock. We were met by several of the *mrethren* of the lodge, and after tea conducted to the

lodge room, where we were welcomed by W. Bro. Leigh, R. W. Bro. Miles, W. Bro. Armstrong, the Secretary, and a number of others. There were also visitors present from Guelph, Toronto, Scotland and Brantford. A second degree was conferred on a very good candidate by the Master and his officers, and the work was done in a masterly style. All the officers are well up in their work, and I had no criticism to offer. I suggested some slight improvements in the work to the minor officers, and my recommendations were well received. The lodge is in good shape, with a good room, and work ahead for some time. After we had completed the work of the evening we adjourned to the hotel near by, where a splendid banquet was prepared. After full justice had been done to the inner man speeches and song were the order of the evening, interspersed with stories and anecdotes told by Col. McQueen in his own peculiar style, which were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. After Auld Lang Syne had been sung I took leave of the brethren, and with this function closed my official life as D. D. G. M. of Wilson District No. 6.

On April 29th Oxford Lodge, No. 76, of Woodstock, celebrated her semi-centennial anniversary in a manner fitting the occasion. A large number of invitations were sent out by the W. M., W. Bro. Sykes, and we were honored by the presence of a number of Grand Lodge officers, but unfortunately M. W. Bro. Burritt was unable to attend owing to a prior engagement. R. W. Bro. Freed, D. G. M., ably filled the chair, assisted by M. W. Bro. Malone, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and a number of visiting brethren from all the lodges within, and many without the district. The feature of the evening's work was the conferring of a first degree on a good candidate by a staff of officers composed wholly of P. D. D. G. M.'s, selected according to seniority. The officers for the occasion were: W. M., R. W. Bro. W. A. Karn; S. W., R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy; J. W., R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross; S. D., R. W. Bro. Waddell; J. D., R. W. Bro. James Smiley; S. S., R. W. Bro. Capt. Cox; J. S., R. W. Bro. Allshire; Chaplain, R. W. Bro. O'Neil, of London District No. 3; I. G., R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy; Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler; Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Crysler; Organist, R. W. Bro. Eden, and Tyler, R. W. Bro. Dutton. After the minutes of fifty years ago had been read

and countersigned by the present Master the work was proceeded with, and the manner in which it was done showed fully that the brethren had lost none of their ancient cunning in the art. At the conclusion of the degree the officers of the lodge resumed their respective positions and R. W. Bro. Freed addressed some remarks to the lodge in which he congratulated them on their long and successful career. He was followed by M. W. Bro. Malone, Grand Treasurer, and M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, who put forward in a forcible manner the necessity for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and giving data as to the present condition of the fund. After the lodge closed the members of the Craft present adjourned to the handsome banqueting room of the lodge adjacent, where a banquet was given that was a credit to the caterer, Bro. Wm. Rice. After the good things had been disposed of speeches were made by a number of distinguished visitors present, and musical selections and songs were rendered by the orchestra and soloists of the two lodges of the city. A large number of toasts were drunk and responded to, and the Junior Warden's toast brought to an end one of the best and most successful Masonic functions ever held in the city of Woodstock.

In conclusion, I may say that I have endeavored to do my duty to Wilson District to the best of my ability, and I trust that the best interests of the district have not suffered while in my charge. I have been met everywhere with uniform courtesy and fraternal goodwill by the Masters, officers and brethren of the different lodges that I have visited. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the district, and I have never been called upon to adjust any difficulties or smooth over any rough places. The lodges have contributed liberally to my expenses and rendered me every assistance in the due performance of my duties. In taking leave of the brethren of the district I will ever remember with gratitude and pleasure the very many pleasant hours spent with them in the different lodges visited, and express the sincere hope that my visits may have been as pleasant to them as they were pleasant and profitable to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. DUTTON, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 9th, 1906, to June 9th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, &c. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
10	No. 10.	Simcoe	126	15	10	11	13	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	00	7	61	June 25, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	132	11	4	11	13	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	00	15	100	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	400 00
43	King Solon	Woodstock	156	16	3	15	15	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	00	10	100	Dec. 27, '06	Ex. Good	Excell. int	Yes	1400 00
64	St. John's	Ingersoll	89	9	7	9	7	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	31	00	17	187	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	177	19	5	18	15	14	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	90	00	17	150	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1400 00
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	170	10	11	8	11	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	90	00	14	83	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
82	St. John	Paris	64	4	1	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	14	150	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
104	St. John	Norwich	66	3	6	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	00	11	34	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	600 00
108	Burford	Burford	73	4	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	00	30	210	July, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
108	Hienheim	Princeton	33	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	00	4	54	June 24, '07	Fair	Good	No	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	180	7	2	7	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	00	14	41	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	650 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	65	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	00	14	27	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	300 00
174	Wasington	Port Rowan	61	6	5	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	00	0	27	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	1200 00
175	Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh	41	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	00	6	50	Feb. 25, '07	Good	Excell. int	Yes	250 00
181	Ontario	Port Burwell	35	2	3	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	00	10	108	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Bright	No	300 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	81	6	6	6	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	00	35	150	Dec. 27, '06	Vy Good	Vy Good	Yes	150 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	87	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	00	0	86	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	52	4	6	4	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	00	14	86	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	550 00
250	Thistle	Embro	42	4	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	0	35	June 24, '07	Good	A 1	Yes	100 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	42	4	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	0	35	June 24, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerskip	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	00	8	40	Jan. 26, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
268	Victoria	Victoria	48	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	11	40	Jan. 26, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District during the past year. First, I wish to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for the honor conferred on me in electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district for the past year, and for the uniform courtesy, kindness and consideration with which I have been treated on all occasions.

I have visited every lodge in the district once, and some of them oftener.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary W. Bro. Walter Renwick, of New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. I addressed a circular letter to all the lodges in the district calling attention to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and asking for notices of all meetings from Secretaries of lodges.

Under permission of Galt Lodge, No. 257, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Galt on November 29th, 1906, which was well attended by the brethren of the district, about 130 being present. Lodge opened at 2.50 p. m. with the officers of Galt Lodge in the chairs. R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson was then presented with a complete set of P. D. D. G. M. regalia by R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, of Alma Lodge, No. 72, on behalf of the lodges of the district. R. W. Bro. Stephenson replied in a few well chosen remarks, expressing his appreciation of the high honor conferred on him by the lodges in the district, and the pleasure it had been to him to discharge his duties as D. D. G. M. The work in the first degree was then exemplified by the officers of Ayr Lodge, No. 172, in a manner that received the commendation of all present. The officers of Preston Lodge, No. 297, then exemplified the work of the second degree in excellent style. After

tea the officers of Alma Lodge, No. 72, put on the work of the third degree in a very creditable manner, leaving no room for criticism. Some discussion ensued as to the repeated changes in the work, and the opinion of a number of P. D. D. G. M's was then expressed that the ancient usages and established customs should not be interfered with. The lodge closed at 10.40 p. m. I requested Galt Lodge to endeavor to have real candidates ready for the occasion, a request which was complied with, and lent to the work that reality that is necessary to preserve its solemnity. All the work of the afternoon and evening was exceedingly well done, and I feel that my thanks are due to, and are hereby tendered, all the lodges who took part, and especially to Galt Lodge, No. 257, and Alma Lodge, No. 72, for permitting us to use their beautiful lodge rooms and for their united efforts to make the meeting a success.

I forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master for approval the By-laws of Preston Lodge, No. 297, which were duly approved by him. I have forwarded a number of applications for dispensations to elect and install officers at other times than the by-laws call for, to attend divine service, to appear in Masonic clothing in public, etc. These dispensations I had no power to grant but forwarded the same to the Grand Master.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that nine lodges lost members by death during the year, seventeen of our brethren having passed to the Grand Lodge above.

VISITS.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I began my official visits with this, my mother lodge, on September 26th. Past Masters filled the chairs and conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. I was very pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, of Toronto; J. G. Liddell, of Brantford; A. Taylor and J. W. Porteous, of Galt; D. B. Miller, of Preston, and R. Mahony, of Guelph. Prospects for New Hope Lodge are very good.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 259, Drayton: I visited this lodge on November 6th. The W. M., W. Bro. Scarr, is well up in the work. The work of the evening, an initiation, was well done. The lodge books are kept in good shape by V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, the efficient Secretary.

I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Galt, and was very pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burns, of Elora, and W. Bro. Lambert, of Harriston. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent at the festive board.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on November 16th, accompanied by R. W. Bros. Mahoney and W. G. Stephenson, of Guelph. This is, without doubt, one of the best lodges of the district. The third degree was conferred on two candidates in a flawless manner, and W. Bro. Kerr and his officers are to be commended. R. W. Bro. Burns keeps the lodge books in excellent shape. The prospects of Irvine Lodge are bright. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge November 19th. The second degree was conferred very well, the officers proving their ability to care for the lodge work. I was pleased to meet W. Bros. Lambert and Scudamore, of Harriston. The prospects of Clifford Lodge are good.

St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, Mt. Forest: I visited this lodge on November 20th. There being no work before the lodge I had it opened in the several degrees, which was done very well. The efficiency of St. Albans Lodge is in a great measure due to the untiring work of W. Bro. J. Ireland. After the meeting an entertaining half hour was spent in the banquet room.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited this lodge on November 21st, accompanied by W. Bro. John Potter, of Elora. I found the officers well skilled and enthusiastic. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Conboy. The prospects of this lodge are good. After the meeting we spent a very pleasant time in the banquet room.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I visited this lodge on December 11th. The officers do their work well and the prospects of Guelph Lodge are bright. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Savage and R. Mahoney, also R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson, of Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph. We spent a pleasant hour in the banquet room, where speeches, songs, etc., kept time from hanging heavy.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited this lodge on December 28th. This being their regular Past Masters' night the chairs were filled by Past Masters, who did the work in the style for which Alma lodge is noted. I do

not believe that Past Masters' night is the best night for an official visit of the D. D. G. M., but as I have sat in Alma Lodge several times during my term of office I know that the regular officers can work all degrees and that Alma Lodge has not gone back. Prospects of Alma Lodge are good. After the lodge closed the meeting adjourned to the banquet room, where the brethren proved that they were efficient hosts and able to care for the entertainment.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge on January 15th, 1907. It being Past Masters' night, the regular officers were not in their chairs, but as I have visited this lodge on several occasions I know that W. James Cowan and his officers are well up in the work in all degrees and are enthusiastic. Galt Lodge is indebted to R. W. Bros. Taylor and Cowan and W. Bros. W. Mitchell and Geo. Thomas, for their untiring attendance and attention to the interests of the lodge. The greatest harmony prevails in Galt between Alma and Galt lodges, and an especially pleasant evening is always the result of a visit to either lodge. A very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room after the closing of the lodge.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this lodge March 1st and found the W. M., W. Bro. Gow, energetic and able to work all degrees. I am sure that Mercer lodge will not suffer any during W. Bro. Gow's term of office. The lodge books are well kept by the efficient Secretary, W. Bro. T. N. Wansbrough. The prospects of this lodge are good. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burns, W. Bro. John Potter, and a number of other brethren of Elora. After the meeting a splendid hour was spent around the festive board.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on March 11th. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in fairly good style. Harriston lodge should have a bright future before it. I feel under special obligation to W. Bro. E. Lambert for the courtesy shown me on the occasion of my visit to Harriston Lodge and other occasions when it was possible for him to make it pleasant for me. After lodge closed a very pleasant hour was spent getting acquainted in the banquet room.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge on March 25th. W. Bro. B. Gummer, W. M. is, I believe, the youngest W. M. in the district, being only

24 years of age, but he, as well as the other officers of the lodge, is well skilled and enthusiastic. A candidate was initiated and the work was put on well. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: I visited this lodge on March 29th, accompanied by a number of brethren from Hespeler. I was pleased to meet W. Bros. Collins and Smith, of Alma Lodge, Galt. The officers of Preston Lodge are able to work all the degrees well. Preston lodge has lately moved into new quarters, and the new rooms are commodious and homelike. Prospects are bright and the material in Preston lodge is of the best. A very pleasant and entertaining hour was spent in the banquet room after closing the lodge.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this lodge on April 22nd, accompanied by Bro. E. Brocklebank, of Prince Arthur Lodge, Arthur. W. Bro. J. E. McIntyre, W. M., and the other officers of the lodge proved their ability to care for any Masonic work that might come before them by the able manner in which they conferred the second degree on a candidate. W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre, Secretary, has an exceptionally good set of lodge books. The prospects of Scott lodge are the best. Scott lodge is indebted to W. Bro. Jas. McClelland and W. Bro. Preston for their untiring efforts on behalf of the lodge. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge on April 23rd. The officers conferred a second degree very well, W. Bro. J. E. Smith being a very efficient W. M. I was pleased to meet V. W. Bro. Robert Mann, also to again meet W. Bro. Preston, of Scott lodge. After the meeting the brethren adjourned to the banquet room to enjoy lunch and speeches, which were very entertaining.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited this lodge on April 24th. The W. M., W. Bro. R. T. Tindale, and officers, are well up in their work, and Prince Arthur Lodge is, I think, in better condition than ever, and if the Past Masters will give the lodge the proper attention the prospects of Prince Arthur Lodge should be bright. I was very pleased to again meet W. Bro. Preston, of Scott Lodge, who had been with me for the last three evenings. Bro. G. I. Campbell, J. W. of Scott

Lodge, had the misfortune to break his arm on the train while coming from Grand Valley on this evening, which made the evening hardly as enjoyable as it otherwise would have been. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room with speeches and other good things.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I visited this lodge officially on May 2nd. W. Bro. Brooker, W. M., occupied the East, with W. Bro. Ireland in the West and W. Bro. Arthur Gunn in the South. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in a very efficient style. To the Past Masters who occupied the Warden's chairs is no doubt due the creditable showing of Durham lodge. After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge on May 3rd. V. W. Bro. Hyndman, W. M., occupied the East and conferred a second degree fairly well. There seems to be some friction in this lodge, but, if handled properly by the Past Masters, the prospects of Blair lodge should be bright.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited this lodge on May 14th, accompanied by W. Bros. C. M. Schultz, A. Jardine and Bro. Wesley Clark, of Hespeler. W. Bro. DeKleinhaus, W. M., ably supported by the Wardens, initiated a candidate in faultless style. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. D. Forsyth and V. W. Bro. J. H. Landreth, also R. W. Bro. Miller, of Preston. W. Bro. Houston makes a very efficient Secretary. The prospects of this lodge are bright. After the meeting a very pleasant time was spent in the banquet room.

May 21st, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous and Bro. W. C. Burns, of Galt. W. Bro. J. Q. Reid, W. M., and the Wardens are men of ability and enthusiastic Masons, and worked the first degree in a very creditable style. Ayr lodge had the misfortune to lose its W. M. last year by the removal of W. Bro. Verchere from the district early in his term of office, and much of the continued success of the lodge is due to the efforts of W. Bros. R. Anderson and W. A. Reid. Prospects of this lodge are good. After the meeting a pleasant time was spent at lunch.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: I visited this lodge on June 4th accompanied by W. Bro. A. Jardine. The W. M., W. Bro. Skinner, and other officers conferred a

first degree in an able manner. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, of Guelph Lodge, No. 258; W. Bro. W. Mahoney, W. M. of Guelph Lodge, No. 258, and R. W. Bros. Scoon and Stephenson, of Speed lodge. The prospects of Speed lodge are good. After the meeting the usual pleasant time was spent at the festive board, where speeches, songs, etc., were in order.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the courtesy and kindness invariably shown me while attending to my official duties, and feel sure that my successor will receive the same generous support that has been accorded me. I would like to call the attention of some of the Secretaries of the district to the fact that the report of the D. D. G. M. should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary two weeks before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and urge upon them their responsibility in the matter. Each Secretary should have the report for his lodge mailed to the D. D. G. M. not later than June 26th, and by so doing will materially aid the D. D. G. M. I wish especially to thank the P. D. D. G. M's of the district for their continual support and advice, always cheerfully given whenever needed, also to assure the brethren of the district that I shall never forget the many pleasant hours spent with them, and hope that the profit and pleasure derived from the meetings has been beneficial to all.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN JARDINE, D. D. G. M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem. Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Men- ber-ship	Degre's Confrd	E. A.	F. O.	M. M.	Amittions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 15 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
78	Annis.....	Galt.....	136	4	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 45 00	6	9 45 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
161	Grnd River	Berlin.....	176	18	1	16	13	11	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 25	7	25 25	Jan'y 1907	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	181 35	18	181 35	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	Jointly
190	Speed.....	Guelph.....	75	4	1	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40 00	4	40 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest.	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	181 35	18	181 35	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
208	Irvine.....	Elora.....	86	9	1	8	6	7	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40 00	4	40 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
218	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	187	3	1	8	6	7	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	181 35	18	181 35	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	147	11	1	10	9	11	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	88 50	31	88 50	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
268	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	103	15	1	13	13	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81 75	31	81 75	Jan'y 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
268	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	68	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	196 00	14	196 00	Jan. 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
271	Wellington	Erin.....	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67 50	14	67 50	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
270	New Hope	Hepler.....	77	19	1	11	11	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64 00	14	64 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
295	Conestoga	Draughton.....	58	4	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	193 00	4	193 00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	None
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	61	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78 00	4	78 00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	None
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	69	7	1	10	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78 00	15	78 00	Jan'y 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	67	10	1	9	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	3	10 00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
318	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	47	10	1	11	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 00	1	8 00	Jan. 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
334	Pr. Arthur.	Arthur.....	58	2	1	4	3	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 00	1	7 00	Jan. 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
347	Mercoer	Fergus.....	63	3	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	350 00	47	350 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
361	Waverley	Guelph.....	138	3	1	6	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45 50	47	45 50	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
431	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	98	3	1	7	11	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35 63	3	35 63	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
592	Forne.....	Glencoe.....	60	4	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	300 00	4	300 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It affords me very great pleasure to present the report of my official acts as D. D. G. M. and upon the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District No. 8 for the year ending 24th June, 1907.

My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary W. Bro. George H. Bull, the efficient Secretary of Barton Lodge, No. 6. I could not have had a more faithful Secretary. He accompanied me on sixteen of my official visits, and by close attendance to correspondence and other duties rendered the routine portion of my work very light indeed. I am also greatly indebted to V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister for acting as District Secretary when making four of my visits, and to V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar and W. Bro. Fred. H. Yapp for acting in a similar capacity when I made the only other visits on which my District Secretary was not with me.

On the afternoon and evening of Saturday, the 20th day of October, I had the honor, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, of acting for him at a special communication of Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, in the city of Hamilton, when I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Donald McPhie, as Acting D. G. M.; F. J. Howell, as Acting G. S. Warden; R. V. Mathews, as Acting G. J. Warden; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bros. Rev. F. E. Howitt, as Acting Grand Chaplain; R. A. Hutchison, as Acting D. D. G. M.; W. F. Miller, as Installing Officer, and V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar, as Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. About thirty other Past Masters and distinguished brethren of the district took part in this interesting ceremony. Dundurn lodge begins its career under very favorable auspices under the guidance and

control of W. Bro. John Hooper and his very efficient staff of officers, and will, I have no doubt, rapidly become one of the strong lodges of the district.

During the past year the officers and members of Burlington Lodge, No. 165, finding that it would be necessary to vacate the lodge room in which the meetings of the lodge had been held for many years, determined to form a joint stock company for the purpose of acquiring certain property in the village and furnishing a part of the building on such property as convenient and proper rooms for holding the meetings of said lodge. With most commendable enterprise these brethren promptly subscribed the necessary stock and the purchase was made of suitable and profitable property and a hall much more commodious than the former one, with all necessary ante-rooms, handsomely equipped and furnished. At the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and acting for him, I had the honor of presiding at a special communication of Grand Lodge convened for the purpose of dedicating these new rooms, on Tuesday evening, May 7th, 1907. About 40 members of the Grand Lodge were present, principally from Hamilton, all of whom assisted in this dedication, among whom were R. W. Bros. W. F. Miller, F. J. Howell, R. V. Mathews, John Hoodless, George C. Holden, C. V. Emory and T. M. Davis, and V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar. Bro. James Johnston very materially assisted by leading the singing. The dedicatory ceremony was followed by addresses from various visiting brethren from Hamilton, Oakville, Milton, Stoney Creek and Watford, and also by the W. M. of Burlington Lodge, W. Bro. J. A. Pettit.

I visited officially each of the twenty-two lodges in my district at least once during the year, and also made a number of other fraternal visits. In the lodge room on each of my official visits I urged upon the officers and members the great importance of reducing the amount of arrears of dues to the smallest possible sum. I always strongly advised the lodges to promptly suspend all members who are financially able to pay the small sums required of them as annual dues but who appreciate the benefits and privileges of Freemasonry so little as to neglect to pay same; at the same time as strongly urging that the dues of all worthy members, unable to pay same, should be promptly remitted. In one lodge this advice

was followed most heroically and that lodge ended the year with no arrears of dues whatever. With several of the lodges the amount of such arrears is very small, but with a number the amount is still large. In comparing the returns with previous years there appears to be an improvement in this particular in the majority of the lodges of the district. The other matter of most importance which I constantly placed before the brethren of the district was the duty and necessity of each lodge contributing without delay its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. I am happy to report that my own mother lodge, Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton, heads the list, having contributed \$1,115.05, and more than one hundred dollars more than its full quota of \$3 per member. The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, comes next, having contributed \$1,100.80, and over \$65 more than the amount asked by Grand Lodge. Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, has contributed \$666.00, being its full quota. From the returns furnished me up to the date of writing my report it does not appear that any of the other lodges in the District have paid to this fund the full amount asked for by Grand Lodge. The following lodges have contributed not less than \$100.00, namely: The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, \$511.00; Doric, No. 121, Brantford, \$287.50; Valley, No. 100, Dundas, \$179.00; Oakville, No. 400, Oakville, \$129.00; Credit, No. 219, Georgetown, \$126.00.

The lodges in this district numerically are very strong. Five out of the seven strongest lodges numerically on the register of our Grand Lodge are in the Hamilton District. Financially most of our lodges are in a very prosperous condition. Freemasonry is a powerful moral force in the life of the communities in this district. Peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail. I have found no discord or friction among the brethren. Twenty of the lodges show an increase in membership and only two a decrease during the past Masonic year. The work is generally well done, and the lodges are as a rule well officered by enthusiastic lovers of the Craft.

Freemasonry is generally recognized as (1) a social (2) a benevolent and (3) a moral and educational institution. The social feature of the Craft never has been, is not now, and I believe never will be neglected in this district. The benevolent character of our Order is most

commendable and has received due emphasis. Believing, however, that Masons generally, and particularly the younger members of the fraternity, cannot have too frequently the worth of Freemasonry as a beautiful system of morality called to their attention, my addresses during the past year in reply to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Canada" on the occasion of each of my official visits have been upon one of the following seven subjects, namely: (1) Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; (2) Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; (3) Seven Lamps of Freemasonry; (4) Some Uses and Abuses of Freemasonry; (5) A Canadian Mason as a Citizen; (6) Why Freemasonry is Attractive and Powerful, and (7) The Ideals of a Young Lodge.

It is my sad duty to report that all of the lodges of the district, with two exceptions, have during the past year been visited by death. Among the brethren who have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above are: W. Bro. Richard Quance, a Past Master of Oakville Lodge, No. 400, and formerly of Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, and W. Bros. John T. Elliott and David Downey, Past Masters of St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton.

The following is a brief summary of my official visits of inspection during the year:

VISITS.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster, on October 2nd, 1906, accompanied by a number of Hamilton brethren. The officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. This lodge is in a good financial position and owns its own building, which includes a commodious banquet room. There was a good attendance. All present had a most pleasant and profitable time. Seymour lodge is making good progress.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, on 31st October, 1906, accompanied by about 12 distinguished brethren. This was the occasion of the semi-centennial celebration of the formation of this lodge. A very interesting sketch of the lodge's history was read by the Master, W. Bro. D. G. McIlwraith, M. D. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by visiting brethren and by many members of the lodge both in the lodge room and at the banquet which followed. This lodge enjoys the distinction of being the only one in the district having no members in arrears for dues and having no arrears of

dues whatever on June 24th, 1907. Its membership is not large, but the prospects for the future are improved.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, on November 13th, 1906, accompanied by several Hamilton brethren. This is a strong lodge of about 200 members. The officers do their work very well indeed. The attendance was good and the meeting was in every way successful. The initiations during the year had been 17. This lodge is in a good financial position and occupies a very high position in every way among the lodges of the district.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek, on November 26th, 1906, accompanied by a number of brethren from Hamilton. A large number of the brethren of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, and Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, were also present. The attendance of officers and members was good. The second degree was worked creditably. This lodge is growing, has a membership of 141, and is in a good financial position. The hall is large and they have a fine banquet room in the same building. The brethren of Wentworth Lodge are noted for their hospitality.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, on Tuesday, December 11th, 1906, when I conducted the elections. Good officers were elected for the ensuing year. The utmost harmony and good fellowship characterized the meeting. The lodge had just closed a very successful year under the leadership of W. Bro. T. H. Hayhurst. Liabilities were reported as nil and \$400 cash in the bank. There were about 100 present, including visitors.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, on December 14th, 1906, when I conducted the elections. The reception accorded me by this my mother lodge was most cordial. The night was a very rainy one, nevertheless this was one of the largest and most successful annual meetings ever held by this large and prosperous lodge. The lodge had just closed a very successful year under the guidance of its very talented Master, W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope. About 150 members and visitors were present, and an excellent staff of officers was elected. This lodge is in a strong numerical and financial position and has earned a well deserved reputation for the accuracy and impressiveness with which the ritualistic work is always done. At the banquet M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray gave a most interesting address in response to the toast of "The King and the Craft."

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, on December 20th, 1906, when I conducted the election of officers. There was a large attendance. The first degree was worked in a satisfactory manner. It was most gratifying to observe the great interest the Past Masters of the lodge take in its affairs, there being 24 of them present at this annual meeting. This lodge is the largest numerically in the district, ending the year with 429 members. St. John's Lodge is also among the strongest lodges of the district financially.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, on December 21st, 1906, when I conducted the election of officers. The attendance was good. W. Bro. W. C. Morton, as Secretary, has a most wonderful record, particularly as a collector of dues. He closed the year ending 24th June, 1907, with only three members in arrears and with only \$6.50 of arrears. This is a most wonderful showing with a membership of 387. A quartette of excellent singers, members of the lodge, contribute greatly to the success and pleasure of all the meetings. This lodge has contributed fairly well to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In every respect the Lodge of Strict Observance is in a very prosperous condition. On the occasion of my visit R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Deseronto, Ont., was present and gave an exceedingly brilliant lecture on what Freemasonry has to offer a man, socially, mentally and morally.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington, on December 26th, 1906, accompanied by about 10 brethren from Hamilton. This was the last meeting held by this lodge in its old hall. I conducted the election of officers. The attendance was good. The membership has now passed the 100 mark and the lodge is in good financial condition. I had the pleasure later of attending the annual "At Home" of the lodge held at the Brant House, which was a very successful and enjoyable occasion. Burlington lodge is one of the most progressive in the district.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, on January 28th, 1907, accompanied by three Hamilton brethren. Visitors were also present from Georgetown and Milton and from Erin lodge in Wellington district, and also from lodges in England and Scotland. The membership then was 52. This lodge is doing a fair amount of work, and at the time of my visit had a cash balance of \$385.00 in the

Treasury. The second degree was conferred upon two candidates in a most admirable manner. The officers are nearly all young, intelligent and enthusiastic Masons.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, on February 15th, 1907. The officers and members of this lodge did not work any complete degrees, but did exemplify the lectures and charges in a very interesting and proficient manner. The attendance was large. The membership was then 352, and is rapidly increasing. In the twelve months immediately preceding my visit there had been 34 initiations and 109 degrees in all conferred. I cannot speak too highly of the zeal, skill and enthusiasm by the W. M., officers and members of this lodge. Its assets amount to about \$3,000.00.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, at an emergent meeting held on 20th February, 1907, accompanied by V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, who acted as District Secretary. The night was very stormy, and as a large percentage of the brethren live a considerable distance from the place of meeting only nine members were present. The membership at the end of 1906 was 52. This lodge is not progressing as I would like to see it, but the officers informed me that the prospects for the future were brighter. The third degree was worked satisfactorily. V. W. Bro. James Olds, who has been a Mason for 42 years, has always been a tower of strength to this lodge, and I am happy to say still continues to take a deep interest in its welfare.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove, on February 26th, 1907 accompanied by several Hamilton Past Masters and brethren. A number of brethren were also present from Valley Lodge, Dundas, and Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner. The lodge is making fair progress. The lodge is in good financial position. The speeches of the members of the lodge at the banquet were of a very high degree of merit. The lodge is well officered and has very good prospects.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, on February 28th, 1907, accompanied by three brethren from Hamilton. The attendance was good. One candidate was initiated and the work was done very accurately. This lodge has had a decrease of 2 in membership during the past year, but I am assured the prospects for the future are good.

The amount of outstanding dues did not appear to be excessive.

St. George's Lodge, No. 243, St. George, on March 28th, 1907, accompanied by the District Secretary. Being the evening before a holiday it was not possible to get a large contingent of visitors from Hamilton, and owing to the impassable condition of the roads no visitors from neighboring lodges could be present. About 25 members were in attendance. The second degree was conferred in an admirable manner on one candidate. The lodge finances are in good shape, except that the amount of outstanding dues is large. The lodge is doing a fair amount of work. Present membership is 77, and the prospects of growth are encouraging.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville, on April 23rd, 1907, accompanied by a number of visiting brethren from Hamilton. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner. A number of visitors were present from Burlington Lodge. The attendance was good. The membership is growing and this lodge is in a good financial position. This lodge is well officered. The charge in the Book of Constitution to the newly initiated candidate by W. Bro. John Keating, one of the oldest Past Masters, was exceedingly well delivered. The meeting was very pleasant and profitable to all present.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, on April 28th, accompanied by three Hamilton brethren. Several visitors were also present from Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton. The third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. This lodge has a surplus of nearly \$600.00. The amount outstanding for arrears of dues is small. The increase in membership during the past year is small, but I believe that this lodge will soon become as vigorous as formerly. I was informed that the members had subscribed more than their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund and \$126.00 had been paid in on account thereof. A good number of Past Masters take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodge.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, on May 13th, 1907, accompanied by a number of Hamilton brethren. A number of visitors were also present from Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro. The second degree was conferred in a very accurate and impressive manner. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel, on be-

half of the lodge, to the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. W. H. Bates. The attendance was good. The lodge has made good progress during the past year, is in a good financial position, and has paid to the Grand Secretary to date about two-thirds of its liability to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro, on May 23, 1907, accompanied by ten brethren from Hamilton. Several visitors were also present from Valley and Water-down lodges. The second degree was exemplified in a fairly satisfactory manner. This lodge has been making very good progress during the past twelve months. It is in a good financial position. The visiting brethren and myself were received and entertained in a truly fraternal manner.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, on June 9th, 1907, when I conducted the election of the officers for the ensuing year. The first degree was conferred in a satisfactory manner upon one candidate. A pleasing feature of the evening was an unexpected visit by a number of the officers and members of Washington Lodge, No. 240, of Buffalo, N. Y. Another most gratifying event in the evening's proceedings was the report, received with great enthusiasm, that old Barton Lodge had not failed in doing its duty with regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but that more than the amount asked for by the Grand Lodge had been paid over to the Grand Secretary. The meeting was very pleasant and successful. R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M., was present and assisted me in responding to the toast of the "Grand Lodge of Canada" at the banquet.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton, at the regular meeting held on June 15th, 1907. It being a Saturday night, the attendance was not large. This new lodge is making rapid progress. The membership is now 67, and it is expected that it will reach 100 in the next twelve months. The lodge has \$125.00 on hand, with all liabilities paid. The first degree was conferred in an able manner. I tried to give the officers and members all the good advice I could, taking as the subject of my address "The Ideals of a Young Lodge."

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, at the regular meeting held on June 17th, 1907. I conducted the election of officers. The attendance was unusually large and great

interest was manifested in the proceedings. This lodge is making great progress, and it is doubtful if any other lodge in the district is as strong financially as this comparatively young lodge. During the evening a cheque payable to the Grand Secretary was handed to me for the balance owing to the Semi-Centennial Fund, Doric lodge thus being the third lodge in the City of Hamilton to do its full duty in this respect and to set a good example to the other lodges in the district. This annual meeting was a most decided success in every way.

In making my report with respect to the individual lodges I have not thought it necessary or advisable to give many statistics, owing to the fact that a fairly complete statistical schedule is annexed to and forms a part of my report.

I take this opportunity of extending my most sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for unanimously electing me one year ago and for the very kind and fraternal reception which I have received from all the brethren of the district during the past Masonic year. My duties, whilst onerous, have been exceedingly pleasant.

I also desire to conclude this report by expressing my sincere thanks to the many Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters and members of the various lodges in the district who have accompanied me on my various official visits and in many ways rendered me great assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

LYMAN LEE, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District-No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 9th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. H.	Deceased.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meet-ings held.		Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospect of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Decrease during year.	Decrease during year.		Regular.	Emergency.																				
6	The Barton	Hamilton	370	17	19	17	19	17	19	9	0	1	...	7	13	621	65	\$55.50	15	\$	273	23	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$500.00
27	Patrick Obs.	Hamilton	387	20	20	18	18	18	18	9	0	3	...	6	13	621	61	81.50	3	6	50	June 24, '07	Excellent	Good	Yes	Jointly	
40	St. John's	Hamilton	429	5	17	15	13	11	9	3	7	9	...	3	12	533	53	146.50	89	307	80	June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	Jointly	
45	Brant	Brantford	243	17	13	11	9	7	5	3	9	9	...	2	12	10	22	50.00	33	358	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1900.00	
57	Harmony	Brimbrook	35	12	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	6	...	1	14	14	15	...	63	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Improvd	No	900.00	
61	Acacia	Hamilton	365	16	16	15	14	13	12	11	5	6	...	1	13	6	19	45	65	00	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	55	9	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	12	13	15	5.00	9	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200.00	
100	Valley	Dundas	128	6	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	...	1	13	9	16	35	30.00	94	150	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1000.00
121	Dorlie	Brantford	362	16	23	24	25	26	27	5	1	2	...	8	11	24	49	305.70	43	130	50	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Good	Yes	...	
135	St. Clair	Milton	94	9	4	7	6	6	6	3	1	3	...	3	11	5	16	35	30.00	6	51	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	200.00
166	Hurlington	Hurlington	101	8	6	6	6	6	6	3	1	3	...	3	14	5	17	33	30.00	9	50	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200.00
219	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	141	9	3	7	7	7	7	3	1	1	...	3	13	4	16	35	34.00	13	75	00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600.00
343	Georgetown	Georgetown	87	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	13	13	16	...	5	...	...	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500.00	
377	St. George	St. George	77	4	6	4	8	7	7	243	1	1	...	2	13	5	18	35	70.00	25	163	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	V'y Fair	Yes	600.00
372	Seymour	Ancaster	107	6	8	7	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	2	13	1	13	35	6.00	17	130	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	450.00
391	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	85	6	14	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	...	1	13	3	16	17	10.00	23	56	50	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200.00
391	Walker	Acton	65	4	6	6	6	6	6	1	0	1	...	1	14	6	20	16	10.00	9	4	50	June 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	200.00
394	Temple	Hamilton	330	5	10	11	11	11	11	1	3	4	...	3	19	4	16	41	173.60	50	156	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200.00
397	Waterford	Millgrove	94	4	8	7	6	6	6	2	1	4	...	1	13	5	17	19	65.00	18	100	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	800.00
398	Dorlie	Hamilton	246	19	94	25	29	6	9	6	3	6	...	3	13	5	16	63	386.15	81	231	80	June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	400.00
400	Oakville	Oakville	196	2	6	5	8	8	8	1	4	1	...	3	10	4	14	54	45.00	91	48	50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400.00
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	67	25	21	17	11	4	1	4	1	4	...	1	19	12	25	15	10.05	10	38	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	None

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 9. I desire at the outset to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for conferring upon me the honorable office of D. D. G. M. The kindness and courtesy which has been shown me has rendered the position an extremely pleasant one, and although the duties devolving upon a D. D. G. M. in this district are somewhat onerous, yet I feel amply compensated for the work incident to the office by the privilege of having made the acquaintance and formed friendships with so many true Masons.

Masonry in this district is in a very healthy and flourishing condition. The various lodges have, with rare exceptions, made steady progress. The work is exemplified with accuracy and the lodges are officered by enthusiastic and capable brethren. Generally, unity and harmony prevails, though in one or two lodges unfortunate dissensions have arisen, but even in these I believe the differences are of a temporary nature, and by the exercise of a little tact and the practice of Masonic principles, the discord now existing will disappear.

It has been a source of continual delight to note that Masonry is a real living force that makes for fraternity, unity and harmony; that within its peaceful walls the brethren dismiss the animosities, the rivalries, the jealousies, the prejudices that to some extent characterize this age; that in every day life the influence of Masonry is seen and felt, and that the brethren realize that there is an eminently practical as well as a ceremonial side to Masonry.

I am glad to be able to report that nearly all the lodges in this district have taken considerable interest in the Semi-Centennial Fund. Some of the lodges have paid

their full assessment, others have contributed a considerable part, while in some instances little or nothing has been done. In pursuance of the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I have endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the importance as well as the necessity of this fund, but in my humble judgment steps should be at once taken to make this fund an assessment on the several lodges. In my experience only those lodges that have adopted it as a lodge assessment have raised the full amount. None of those who relied upon individual subscription have succeeded in raising the full amount.. I would also venture to suggest that each D. D. G. M. be furnished with a statement showing exactly how each lodge in his district stands, so that he may be able to direct his efforts in a more systematic manner.

I have visited every lodge except two in the district in my official capacity during my term of office, and mindful of the intimations or suggestions to that effect, I shall condense the reports of my several visits as much as possible.

In several of the lodges, at my request, the examination of a visitor was exemplified, and I impressed upon the brethren the importance of using greater caution in the admission of visitors, and recommended frequent exemplification of such examinations in the lodge room.

VISITS.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: Date of visit January 18th, 1907. The meeting was well attended by members of this lodge as well as by members of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96. The F. C. degree was conferred upon two candidates by W. Bro. Beecroft in a very creditable manner. The W. M.-elect, as well as the J. W. of this lodge has removed from the town, but the work of the lodge is not allowed to suffer thereby, as this lodge has several P. M's who take a very active interest in its welfare. Contrary to what would naturally be expected from a lodge with a record like Kerr Lodge, the Semi-Centennial Fund is in arrears, a state which ought not to exist.. The lodge meeting was followed by a banquet at which several excellent speeches were made and a good musical program provided.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: Visited February 1st, 1907. On my visit I was accompanied by several of the Owen Sound brethren, and the brethren of

Pythagoras lodge accorded us a royal welcome. The work exemplified was one initiation and one passing, both of these degrees being conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Cornwell, W. M., and his officers. The W. M's work was of a very high order, and the Wardens' work was well done. The junior officers acquitted themselves most creditably. This lodge has paid its full assessment to the Semi-Centennial Fund. This lodge is fortunate in having an excellent Secretary, V. W. Bro. Clark, who is an untiring worker in all lodge matters. After closing the lodge a very enjoyable banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: Date of visit March 22nd, 1907. The attendance was not very large, owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads. The E. A. degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Armstrong, W. M., and his officers. After several years of hard struggles this lodge is in a good healthy condition, with good prospects for the future. The lodge is about to remove to new and more commodious quarters. This lodge has met the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund in full to date. A very enjoyable banquet was served at the close of the proceedings. This lodge has among its ranks a brother, who, though an invalid for many years, yet has been of very great assistance to the lodge. I refer to Bro. Blackburn. I am pleased to know that his services are appreciated by the lodge and that he is held in high esteem by the brethren.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: Date of visit March 25th, 1907. The meeting was well attended. The F. C. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Love, W. M., and his officers in a very creditable manner, although the W. M. had only recently recovered from a very tedious illness. Several of the members of Kerr lodge were present and I was pleased to note the state of harmony that exists between these lodges. The Semi-Centennial Fund is in good shape. After the lodge closed an excellent banquet was held in the splendid banquet hall. A very delightful program of speeches and music was carried out.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: I visited this lodge on March 26, 1907, accompanied by W. Bro. Irwin, P. M., Bro. Manuel, S. W., and Bro. Lowrie, of Corinthian

great interest manifested. A candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. by W. Bro. Ardill, W. M., exemplification of the work was somewhat hampered by the lack of proper room, the hall being altogether too small. The lodge is considering the erection of a new hall, which is greatly needed. The S. C. Fund is only partly paid up. After the lodge closed an adjournment was made to the basement of the Methodist church, where an excellent supper was served and an enjoyable time spent. The progress of this lodge is very gratifying and speaks well for the zeal and capability of its membership.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I visited this lodge on April 5th, 1907. There was a fair attendance. The degree of M. M. was conferred by W. Bro. Higgins, W. M., and his officers. The claims of the S. C. Fund have not been well met. Unfortunate dissensions have arisen in this lodge, which has greatly militated against its progress and usefulness. A banquet was held at the close of the lodge proceedings.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: I made my official visit to these lodges at a joint meeting held on April 10th, 1907. At my request R. W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, D. D. G. M. North Huron District No. 5, kindly accompanied me, and as I am a member of North Star Lodge and a frequent visitor at St. George's Lodge, I requested R. W. Bro. Cameron to make any criticisms or observations he might desire in reference to the work as exemplified by these lodges. The first degree was exemplified by the officers of North Star Lodge, W. Bro. E. E. Miller, W. M., in the chair, and in the opinion of R. W. Bro. Cameron was well done. The officers of St. George's Lodge then exemplified the second degree, W. Bro. A. L. Denard, W. M., presiding, and the work was also well done. These lodges have met the claim of the Semi-Centennial Fund in full. A splendid choir assists in the work of these lodges and adds greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. From my frequent attendance at the meetings of these lodges I can vouch for the high standard of the work done by them. A very enjoyable banquet was held in the spacious banquet hall at the close of the lodge proceedings.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk: I visited this lodge April 22nd, 1907, at a regular meeting, at which

there was a very good attendance. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. VanDusen and his officers, and the work was well done. The W. M. is a most enthusiastic and capable presiding officer, and he has a very valuable assistant in the Secretary, Bro. Mountcastle. This lodge had dealt with the S. C. Fund by the voluntary subscription method, but has not met with great success. After the lodge closed a banquet was held, where a very pleasant time was spent.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: I visited this lodge on April 25th, 1907, at an emergent meeting. There was a large attendance of members and several visitors were also present. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Wallace, W. M., and his officers, and their work was excellently done. The Wardens performed their work well, while the work of the Junior officers deserves special mention. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, but I regret to report that it has not given the S. C. Fund the attention it deserves at the hands of such a prosperous lodge. The banquet after the lodge closed was a very enjoyable affair, and many humorous and instructive speeches were delivered.

Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham: I visited this lodge on April 29th, 1907, at a regular meeting. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Fraser and his officers upon a vounteer candidate, as the candidate expected was ill. The work was very well done. This lodge has neglected to give the S. C. Fund proper attention, but I was assured by the W. M., who is an excellent presiding officer, that the matter would be dealt with without further delay. This is a comparatively new lodge and has made good progress. A very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table after the lodge closed.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this lodge on May 1st, 1907, when there was a very good attendance of members. The officers conferred a degree in a highly creditable manner, the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Moore, being particularly well done. This lodge has several P. M's. who are a source of strength to the lodge and who are ever ready with their assistance and counsel to further the work and interests of the lodge. The S. C. Fund has not met that response from this lodge that might be expected from such a flourishing lodge. Voluntary personal subscription was adopted and some

brethren contributed, but owing to indifferent book-keeping no correct record has been kept. The lodge proceedings were followed by a very pleasant time in the banquet hall.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: This lodge was visited May 16, 1907, when there was a very good attendance of members. Two candidates were passed to the second degree. The work as exemplified by W. Bro. Leatherdale and his officers was of a high order, and the work of the Senior Deacon was specially good. This lodge is in splendid condition. It has a neat and well furnished lodge room, its finances are in good shape, and it has paid its full assessment to the S. C. Fund. It has several enthusiastic P. M's, who take an active interest in the work, and has a model Secretary, W. Bro. Hewson. After the lodge closed a very enjoyable time was spent in the banquet hall, where the proceedings were enlivened by speeches and songs. I was most hospitably entertained by the brethren, and several of them spent the following forenoon in showing me the points of interest in the vicinity.

Coronation Lodge, No. 446, Elmvale: I visited this young but prosperous lodge on May 17, 1907, and found it in excellent condition. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sparling and his officers in a very creditable manner. This lodge has made good progress, though it has lost several members by removal. It has a very promising outlook. Very little has been done towards the S. C. Fund, but from assurances received from the officers I expect better things in the future. A very enjoyable banquet was held at which W. Bro. Sneath contributed a very interesting address.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: I visited this, the oldest lodge in the district, on May 21st, 1907. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Evans and his officers in excellent style. The W. M. is a model presiding officer. This lodge has done nothing in regard to the S. C. Fund, but I was assured that the reason for this lay in the fact that the finances of the lodge, as well as the liberality of the members had been taxed by local demands for relief. The W. M. assured me the matter would be taken up vigorously. This lodge has a number of enthusiastic P. M's, who attend regularly, with great profit to the lodge. An enjoyable hour in the banquet hall brought the proceedings to a close.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: This lodge was visited May 22nd, 1907. The officers appear to have fallen into the habit of not opening punctually, and it was after 9 o'clock before the lodge opened. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Griffith and his officers. The W. M. informed me that the S. C. Fund was fully paid up. This lodge needs a more suitable room. An excellent banquet was provided after the close of the lodge proceedings.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: I visited this lodge on May 27th, 1907, when one candidate was passed to the second degree by W. Bro. Lawrence and his officers. The work was well done. Several Past Masters were in attendance, and from the enthusiasm and harmony that prevailed I was favorably impressed with the condition and prospects of this lodge. Nothing has been contributed to the S. C. fund, but this state of affairs will soon be remedied. After the lodge closed a banquet was held at which the usual toasts were honored.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: I visited this lodge on May 28, 1907. There was a good attendance of members, and also several visitors from Nitetis lodges, Creemore, and from Barrie and other points. The E. A. degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Coburn, W. M., and his officers, in an almost faultless manner. The W. M.'s rendering of the work was most impressive. For several years this lodge was practically dormant through unfortunate dissensions that prevailed, and the outlook was dark. All this has changed. Through the untiring efforts of some of the loyal members harmony has to a large extent been restored and better and brighter days are in sight. During the last year good progress has been made, the lodge room has been refitted, and the officers have entered into their work with enthusiasm and zeal. The S. C. Fund has unfortunately been neglected, but the officers assured me that immediate and energetic action would be taken. After the lodge closed a banquet was held, when several addresses were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by songs, etc.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: I visited this lodge on May 29, 1907. W. Bro. Herrington, W. M., presided, and assisted by the officers conferred the second degree in a highly creditable manner. This lodge has a

splendid well furnished hall and maintains well its high standing among the lodges in the district. This lodge has funds on hand to pay its full assessment to the S. C. most enjoyable banquet, at which there were three P. D. D. G. M.'s present, brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: I visited this lodge on June 24th, 1907, but owing to my late arrival through unavoidable causes, the meeting was about to disperse when I arrived. However, the brethren considerably waited and proceeded with the work, which consisted of one passing, the exemplification of which was well done by W. Bro. Smith, W. M., and the officers. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, has an enthusiastic set of Past Masters, and good feeling prevails among the members. It has a most efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. Dickenson. The S. C. Fund is fairly well paid up. The brethren are good entertainers, and a pleasant time was spent in the fourth degree.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: I visited this lodge on June 28, 1907, when I found the affairs of the lodge in a very flourishing condition. The work exemplified was an initiation, and was particularly well done by W. Bro. Eaton, W. M., and the officers. The officers are mostly young, but are very enthusiastic and efficient, and under the able supervision of R. W. Bro. Wakefield, P. D. D. G. M., are maintaining the high state of efficiency to which this lodge has attained. The lodge has a handsome and well equipped lodge room. The S. C. Fund is in good shape and will shortly be fully paid up. At the banquet which followed a most enjoyable time was spent, enlivened by several fine speeches and several splendidly rendered songs.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland, and Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor: I made appointments to visit these lodges, but owing to the absence of the W. M.'s the appointments had to be cancelled, and I was unable to arrange for other suitable dates. However, I understand both of these lodges are in excellent condition.

Before closing my report I wish to repeat the recommendation of my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Knight, in regard to this district, and to express my entire satisfaction therein. In my opinion this district should, without further delay, be divided, as it has now too many lodges for

efficient supervision by the D. D. G. M. It requires entirely too much time to be devoted to the duties of the D. D. G. M., and it entails too long absence from business and home. Owing to the large and unwieldy territory embraced in this district a great deal of time is spent in travelling. I would respectfully urge that immediate action be taken to divide or rearrange the district.

In concluding I desire to again express my appreciation to the brethren of the district of the honor conferred on me, and to express the hope that my labors may result in some benefit to the Craft in the district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. H. WRIGHT, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degree's confd.			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 18 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total	ber-ship.	F. C.	M. M.	Total.												Regular.	Emergenc.											
79	Simcoe	Bradford	143	6	10	8	8	1	8	1	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	15	6	81	25	\$65 00	16	\$130 00	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	\$600 00
88	St. George.	Owen Sound	171	7	13	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	6	18	33	95 00	5	150 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
90	Manito	Collingwood	178	5	10	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	11	4	15	91	40 00	10	240 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie	118	13	9	15	8	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	12	6	18	31	93 00	8	15 00	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	108	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	15	23	25 00	13	100 00	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
168	Orilla	Orilla	74	2	3	3	4	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	35	25 00	4	85 00	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
234	Kerr	Barrie	32	12	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	6	15	15				June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	
236	Beaver	Clarksburg	75	10	10	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	27	90 00			Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	159	3	9	10	6	1	9	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	14	6	30	35	48	397 45	"	Good	Good	Yes	1900 00	
265	Seven Star	Atkinson	138	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	9	13	13	80 00	8	78 00	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00
304	Minerva	Stroon	87	13	14	13	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	13	4	17	53	155 00	3	24 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
333	North Star	Owen Sound	68	3	9	3	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	15	20	25 00			Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
348	Georgian	Penetang	67	13	14	13	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	8	13	15	5 00			"	Good	Good	No	300 00
377	Lorne	Shelburne	66	3	9	3	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	16	10 00	4	19 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
395	Spy	Beeton	55	5	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	28	68 00			"	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
444	Nislin	Greenmore	55	5	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	8	13	15	5 00			"	Good	Good	No	300 00
448	Dundalk	Dundalk	39	1	9	9	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	16	10 00	4	19 00	"	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
466	Coronation	Elmville	58	3	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	4	17	28	68 00			June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
487	Tottenham	Tottenham	41	6	8	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	16	10 00			"	Good	Good	Yes	None
470	Victoria	Victoria/Harbour	60	18	10	11	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	16	10 00	13	138 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	800 00

NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, which made it incumbent upon every D. D. G. M. to submit at the annual meeting a brief account of his proceedings and the state of Masonry within his district, I have the honor of submitting for your consideration my report for the year 1906-1907. At the time of inditing this report I have visited 21 of the 22 lodges in this district, some of them once, others twice, and had made an appointment with the only lodge not visited for a visit, when I was suddenly taken sick and thus prevented from keeping the appointment. I am, however, trying to make the necessary arrangements to visit that lodge prior to the expiration of my official term. The lodges are generally well and properly equipped, and bear testimony of the desire of the brethren to decorate them as tastefully as their funds permit. There were no new lodges constituted in the district during the year. I take great pleasure in reporting that King Edward VII. Lodge at Chippewa, constituted by my predecessor in October, 1905, is making splendid progress and has at the present time 40 members in good standing. Peace and harmony, I am exceedingly happy to say, prevails among the brethren of the district, and no complaints or appeals of any kind have been submitted to me for action during my official term. Temple Lodge, No. 296, of the city of St. Catharines, has adopted a full musical service for the opening and closing ceremonies in the several degrees, as well as for the working of said degrees. There are some other lodges in the district who introduce more or less music in the conferring of the E. A. degree, all of them, however, using words and melodies of their own taste and choice. The work being silent in its directions on

this subject, I feel in duty bound to call your attention to these facts, and would suggest that Grand Lodge, in view of the fact that uniformity has been for years its grand object, legislate on the matter and prescribe the melodies and words to be used by the lodges if they desire to introduce music into their ceremonies. I would likewise call attention to the fact that a number of lodges in the district have provided lesser lights, while others have not. The position of said lights not being prescribed (to my knowledge), each lodge places them in a position to suit its W. M. Some are lighted during the administering of obligations only, others are lighted during the conferring of the E. A. degree. As a whole, in fact, each W. M. appears to suit himself on this point. Has not the time arrived to legislate likewise on this subject? It has been my privilege to see each of the lodges in the district do more or less work, and while one or the other of them was more or less perfect, yet, as a whole, the various lodges do their work very fairly and in a capable manner. I am aware of only one W. M. who is unable to work all the degrees. This is an improvement, when I recall the fact that but a few years ago there were some lodges in the district who had to call to their aid skilled Masters or Past Masters of other lodges to work the third degree for them. I find that the principal chairs in the lodges are filled by young men, which fact augurs well for the future of Masonry. I also find the Secretaries throughout the district are, as a rule, Past Masters, and therefore well capable of fulfilling their duties. I cannot speak too highly of the creditable manner in which the lodge books are kept, and of the promptness in which all communications are attended to. I have at each visit endeavored to impress the officers and members their duties towards the Semi-Centennial Fund, and while some lodges have responded promptly, others have promised to continue their collections and to remit same to the Grand Secretary. The increase in membership has been above the normal, consisting mostly of young men. The exact figures I am unable to give at the time of writing, as the statistical reports of the lodges have only partially reached me. I have on all occasions called attention to the necessity of admitting only such men into the Order as would be a credit to it from a moral, social and intellectual standpoint, and I have reasons for believing

that these admonitions have been accepted and acted upon in the same spirit as given.

In conclusion I would say that Masonry in District No. 10 is in a highly flourishing condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. F. LEUBSDORF, D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem-ber-ship.	Degrees conferred.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 18 months.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospect of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
73	Niagara.....	Niagara-on-Lake.....	73	6	6	6	4	4	1	1	1	1	20	\$15 00	29	\$ 75 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$100 00	
96	Union.....	Grimsby.....	96	8	8	8	4	4	1	1	1	15	40	17 00	11	64 00	June 28, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
15	St. George's	St. Catharines.....	107	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	15	23	93	53	400 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	110	9	9	9	6	6	3	3	3	26	25	00	00	27	163 00	May 30, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga.....	112	6	6	6	7	7	1	1	1	18	25	00	27	183 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	700 00	
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines.....	163	7	7	7	5	5	1	1	1	21	73	00	25	340 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls.....	120	4	4	4	8	8	2	2	2	16	95	00	32	180 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
115	Ivy.....	Wendell.....	106	7	7	7	8	8	2	2	2	9	15	00	15	325 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
168	Merritt.....	Port Colborne.....	68	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	9	5	00	10	30 00	Jan. 30, '07	Good	Good	No	400 00	
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	26	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	12	41	00	00	30 00	July, 1906	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
186	Kennikill's	York.....	120	19	19	19	13	13	5	5	5	25	33	00	7	20 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
231	Mountain	Niagara Falls.....	140	3	3	3	16	16	9	9	9	36	98	00	6	36 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
274	Clifton.....	Port Dalhousie.....	150	3	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	13	15	00	5	10 00	Jan. 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
277	Reynour.....	St. Catharines.....	70	7	7	7	9	9	2	2	2	12	21	00	14	48 00	Jan. 30, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00	
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines.....	77	17	17	17	11	11	9	9	9	12	21	00	14	48 00	Jan. 30, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00	
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	63	17	17	17	11	11	9	9	9	14	41	00	8	44 00	June 24, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	300 00	
320	King Sol'n	Jarvis.....	65	5	5	5	6	6	1	1	1	14	41	00	8	44 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	47	4	4	4	6	6	3	3	3	11	41	00	15	190 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
354	Dufferin.....	Wendellport.....	66	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	1	11	41	00	1	1 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	97	3	3	3	6	6	3	3	3	12	35	00	4	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
373	Capetone.....	Wendell.....	97	12	12	12	0	0	3	3	3	12	35	00	00	00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00	
471	King Edward VII	Chippawa.....	40	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	7	1	00	00	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	175 00	

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRRETHREN:

I have the honor to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in District No 11 for the past Masonic year, and I also take this opportunity of placing on record my gratitude to the brethren of this district for having extended their confidence to me in electing me unanimously to the important position of D. D. G. M. at the meeting of Grand Lodge, held in Toronto in July last. I appreciate the honor done me, and to the best of my ability have watched the interests of the fraternity in this district, hoping that my year in this office shall be of some benefit to the district.

One of my first acts was to appoint W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, of Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston, as my District Secretary, and I here take the opportunity of thanking the W. brother most heartily for the assistance he has given me on every occasion. He has not only accompanied me on many of my visits, but has been ready and willing at all times to consult with me on matters relating to the district and prompt to perform the duties belonging to his office.

In pursuance to the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I addressed a circular letter to the different lodges throughout the district calling their attention to matters referred to by the M. W. the Grand Master, and particularly those relating to the grouping of candidates, the wearing of improper regalia, the illegality of conferring degrees in any but proper lodge rooms, grand honors, and the necessity of greater contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. I believe the brethren of the district have endeavored to live closely to the suggestions thrown out by the M. W. the Grand Master in this manner, with the exception of the contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In regard to this

particular charity, or rather thank offering of the Grand Lodge, I feel that in this district there is a very strong feeling of indifference in respect to it, and but few lodges have done their duty. I have not at present before me any records as to particularly important contributions during the past year, with the exception of Corinthian Lodge, U. D., Toronto. This lodge, though only a few months in existence, has already contributed its full quota of \$3.00 per member to that fund, and it speaks well for the good Masonic qualities possessed by the brethren of that lodge. They have not yet been able to procure separate lodge rooms and furniture, but they have shown their keen appreciation of the Masonic teaching respecting benevolence, and I am sure their contribution to this fund will be rewarded with success in their Masonic career.

The district, when taken over by me from R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, was in a most prosperous and harmonious condition, and I feel sure that in stepping out of the office which I have had the pleasure to enjoy for the past year, I will be able to hand it over to my successor in as harmonious and I trust as prosperous condition. The district is composed of twenty-three lodges, one, Corinthian, having been added during the year. No difficulties of any kind have arisen that required any particular effort in deciding, and the working of the lodges has gone on smoothly and very much in keeping with the best that is in Freemasonry. The lodges are particularly fortunate in having as their presiding officers Masters of good qualifications mentally and morally, and I believe they are well supported by their junior officers, as is evidenced by the splendid spirit of harmony that exists and the progress the lodges are making in good Masonic work. I have visited every lodge in the district once, and several of the lodges two or three times.

I did not hold a Lodge of Instruction, as I found on my inspection throughout the district the work was being performed in a uniform manner and that the brethren were well informed as to the ceremonies. A Lodge of Instruction would not have helped materially, and, instead, I urged the brethren at my respective visits to closer application of the work in the way of rehearsal and friendly criticism amongst themselves on occasions when such could be engaged in without marring the progress of the work of the evening. It was evident from the in-

struction that had been given by my predecessors in office, through their Lodges of Instruction and through their official visits, that the work was being carefully and satisfactorily performed. I also found that it was going to be a difficult matter to get a fair representation of the country officers and members to a city lodge for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction, and in very few instances were the lodges in the country districts large enough to accommodate a large assembly of brethren from the city of Toronto and suburban lodges. In the city of Toronto a Lodge of Instruction I deemed unnecessary this year, as I found the work was very well done, and the brethren in the city of Toronto are in the habit of visiting sister lodges frequently, and in that way have an opportunity of observing the manner in which the work in the various lodges is being done, and noting errors, if any, improvements in the manner of exemplifying the work and also the degree of accuracy with which many of the Masters are able to render the ritual. This is also true of the country lodges, but it requires a greater effort on the part of the officers of country lodges than in the city, owing to the fewer opportunities they have of rendering the work. Applicants to the order are not as numerous in the country lodges as in the city. The lodges and the attendance of members are smaller than in the city lodges, consequently the strain upon the officers to keep up the interest in the meetings and to perfect themselves in the work is greater than in the cities and towns. However, one cannot be but pleased to see the accuracy and intelligence with which the work is demonstrated and the principles of Freemasonry are explained to the various candidates by the Masters throughout the district, and I feel satisfied that the honor of the district is being well sustained by the Masters and officers in District No. 11.

I think, as R. W. Bro. Webster stated in his report of 1903, that it would be well if the elections of officers of the various lodges were held in the month of May, the installation in June, and thus give the D. D. G. M. the benefit of the whole year in which to make his inspection. I believe that each lodge in the district can be beneficially visited more than once by the D. D. G. M., not only as far as the information received by the D. D. G. M. is concerned, but also the benefit the officers would derive from

concentrating or intensifying their efforts on the work, knowing that the lodge would be subject to more frequent inspection.

One feature which has struck me during the year as an undesirable one, although not operating to disadvantage in this district, is the number of cases in which weak lodges or those not numerically strong are being officered by brethren from the city and larger lodges. Out of the twenty-three lodges in this district five country lodges have been presided over during portions of my year of office by W. brethren from the city of Toronto. I think it is much more to be desired that the Master of the lodge should be a man local to the jurisdiction within which the lodge is working. He will be closer in touch with the brethren of his lodge, more likely to be present on every occasion when his assistance is necessary, and would likely be more intimately acquainted with the brethren of the lodge and the citizens in the community.

As Masonic brethren are prohibited from canvassing for candidates additions to the fraternity can only be made as a direct result of the good work done by the lodges and the good qualities displayed by the members in their every day life as citizens, as well as Masons.

A Master who is not in close touch every day with the citizens of the community in which his lodge is working cannot show as clearly as is desired the good qualifications of citizenship and Masonry as if he resided in and moved among those citizens from whom his lodge must necessarily be replenished.

Another feature I would like to impress particularly upon the country members is the necessity of more frequent fraternal visits with other lodges. A great deal of good, Masonically and socially, can be done and can be received from such visits. The city and urban brethren are under an obligation to render every assistance in this regard to the less fortunate country brethren, and I trust to see this system of fraternal visits more extensively carried on throughout the whole district in order that the country lodges may derive some advantage and stimulus from the fraternizing with other brethren, as is felt by the lodges in the city and urban portions of the district.

Throughout the district I have urged very strongly that no candidate be advanced from one degree to another without his being able to prove that he is in possession of

the necessary information respecting the lower degree before being advanced to and entrusted with the work and secrets of the higher degree. I have further insisted, as far as I have been able, that the dignity of Freemasonry must in no way be infringed upon and that the good name of Freemasonry must be carefully preserved by those entrusted with the government of the various lodges, and this can be most successfully done by living conscientiously and strictly to the Constitution and the ancient charges, regulations and landmarks of the order.

During the year we have lost a number of our brethren. A more or less incomplete list follows: R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M., Alpha Lodge, No. 384; R. W. Bro. J. J. Ramsay, Harmony Lodge, No. 438; R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, P. D. D. G. M., Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; W. Bro. H. E. F. Caston, Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; W. Bro. John Haggas, Stanley Lodge, No. 426, and Victoria Lodge, No. 474; Bro. A. L. Maddox, Alpha Lodge, No. 384; Bro. W. D. Morrison, Alpha Lodge, No. 384; Bro. John Paul, Stanley Lodge, No. 426; Bros. John Cleland, Dr. John J. Elliott, A. G. Birch, W. J. Everson, Julius H. Ward and Geo. Kelly, Harmony Lodge, No. 438; Bros. Robt. Cureston, Wm. Pudifin, W. A. Guile, Richard Blunden and Jas. Clemett, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65; Bro. W. H. S. McCallum, Corinthian, U. D.; Bros. Wm. McKee, Francis Blackwill and Robert Lang, Occident Lodge, No. 436; Bro. Francis Watt, Stanley Lodge, No. 426; Bro. Dexter Carpenter, Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; Bro. Rufus Skinner, York Lodge, No. 156.

VISITS.

I briefly summarize as follows my official visits of inspection and other visits during the year:

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on March 14th, 1907, and found W. Bro. Stinson presiding. There were about 70 members present and in the neighborhood of 60 visitors. The work was remarkably well done, and there were many evidences of strength in the W. M.'s manner of conducting the lodge, and I found that a very loyal feeling existed between the members and the officers. The work by the W. M. was very deliberate and intelligently rendered and the charity lecture was very impressively given. The work of the Junior Warden indicated that he is the right man for the place and will yet fill the chair with

credit. The other officers, as far as they were called on, were able to perform their services acceptably. In the fourth degree a very enjoyable time was spent. On the 11th of April it was my privilege to visit this lodge again on the celebration of the 60th anniversary of its formation. The lodge was particularly favored on this occasion by the presence of M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M.; M. W. Bro. Goggin, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Manitoba; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and a large number of W. M's from the city and district lodges. The work was well exemplified again on this occasion, and shows that this good old lodge is doing good work Masonically and retains the splendid name it has enjoyed so many years.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: I was privileged to be present at the 50th anniversary of this lodge on December 21st, 1906. W. Bro. J. B. McLean, Master of the lodge, presided and took charge of the proceedings of the evening. No work was done in the lodge room, but visitors, of whom there was a large number, were received in a very agreeable way and made to feel that the occasion was one to be long remembered. At the fourth degree the wives, sisters and daughters of many of the resident brethren were present and showed their interest in Masonry, and in the brethren of the lodge and their visitors, by providing a most sumptuous banquet. On this occasion the brethren were favored by addresses from R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, E. J. B. Duncan, J. E. Francis, E. M. Carlton, H. A. Taylor, W. Bros. W. H. Grant, the Rev. W. P. Brace and W. Wilby. This lodge was formed in 1854, and amongst the members the following prominent Canadians were members, namely, the late M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, the late W. Bro. Peter Patterson and Hon. E. J. Davis. W. Bro. Leeds Richardson, an honored member of the lodge, gave a synopsis of the history and workings of the lodge since its inception. I again visited this lodge officially on March 26th, when I found W. Bro. H. E. Bailey, the W. M., in the chair, assisted by his officers. A remarkable feature was the large number of Past Masters who attended on the occasion to show their appreciation of their lodge and its working. The lodge was also favored in this occasion by a visit from R. W. Bro. Nicholls and W. Bro. Lamon, Rev. A. P. Brace and a number of other brethren of

Richmond Lodge. The work of the first degree was exemplified. At the fourth degree a very enjoyable time was spent, although on the occasion a very severe rain storm was raging outside. About 100 persons and upwards sat down to the bountiful repast prepared by the ladies related to the brethren of the lodge. This lodge is doing very well, having increased in numbers three during the year. The lodge premises are owned by the brethren and are free of debt, and \$1,500.00 of insurance is carried on the premises. A number of the Past Masters of this lodge are most zealous Masons and guard carefully the portals, and we can expect to hear from this lodge in the near future in a more important way.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: I visited this lodge on March 7th, when I found W. Bro. John O'Connor presiding. The work of this lodge was done in a most commendable way, in fact, W. Bro. O'Connor and his officers could not do otherwise, and I cannot give too much praise in this case. The W. brother is possessed of a very kindly and sympathetic manner, and is in perfect control of the work of the order. The best of good fellowship exists. The first degree was exemplified. The W. M. and officers are well informed in the work of the three degrees. The lodge was favored on this occasion by fraternal visits from W. Masters, officers and brethren of Zetland, Orient, Doric, St. John and King Solomon lodges, besides other visitors from other parts of the country. A most enjoyable evening was spent generally. This lodge has made very material progress during the year, having added 23 to their number. They paid out in relief \$286.00, and carry some small amount of insurance. I note with a little regret that their arrears of dues amount to nearly \$230.00 and upwards. I think the brethren could concentrate their efforts in reducing this amount, and I would be very pleased to see that done. This lodge is doing a good work.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: This is the mother lodge of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton. On October 16th I was privileged to be present at the meeting of this lodge and present R. W. Bro. Carlton with the testimonial provided by the 11th Masonic district, namely, a P. D. D. G. M's apron, collar and gauntlets. R. W. Bro. Carlton replied in a most appreciative way and the brethren of the lodge were

proud of their brother, who had done such signal service for the district and had honored their lodge so well. I officially visited this lodge on April 16th, W. Bro. J. S. Simmons in the East. The work of the second degree was exemplified and was well done. The candidate on the occasion was Bro. Waite, who was extremely well skilled, and it was a credit to the lodge to see with what accuracy their candidates had been prepared before being passed from one degree to another. The lodge room was most beautifully decorated on this occasion with flowers by the W. M. and presented a most pleasing appearance. The fourth degree afforded a pleasing hour for the brethren present. The choir of this lodge aided very materially in the work on this occasion. The lodge was favored with a visit from W. Bro. Haywood, of Zetland Lodge; W. Bro. Stephens, of Corinthian Lodge, and a number of other brethren. The Junior Warden was not present on this occasion and the Junior Deacon, Bro. Parkinson, took his place and is worthy of special mention for the manner in which he did his work.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: I visited this lodge on November 2nd, 1906. W. Bro. J. A. Slade, the W. M., presided. The W. M. conferred the first degree and the third degree. The candidate who received the third degree in this occasion was Bro. William Dick, who is a grandson of W. Bro. Graham, the founder of True Blue Lodge, whose portrait adorns the walls of the lodge room. Bro. Dick is also a son of William Dick, who was an officer of this lodge between 1860 and 1870, and who is still living in Bolton. The Master did his work remarkably well and is to be congratulated on the accuracy with which he did the work. W. Bro. Slade, who formerly resided in Bolton, but who is now residing in Toronto, has with considerable difficulty to himself, filled the position of Master of this lodge, having missed but one meeting during the year. He experiences the same difficulty as some of the Masters have done in recent years in this lodge; there seems to be an apathy among the brethren. W. Bro. Leavens, of Bolton, is a great standby of this lodge, and is deserving of a very great deal of encouragement and commendation for the manner in which he sticks to the lodge. This lodge has suffered materially by the formation of Tottenham and Peel lodges, both of which drew off a number of members from True Blue.

The Junior Warden did not uphold the good name of True Blue Lodge, and was advised by myself to make greater efforts to acquire the work of the degrees. The other officers did their work very well. I was unable to again visit True Blue Lodge, but the W. M. informs me that the Junior Warden has made considerable progress and has been advanced to the west. I trust he will appreciate the trust and the honor which has been bestowed upon him by the brethren of the lodge and that he will uphold the dignity and good name of True Blue Lodge. The books are well kept by W. Bro. A. E. Bolton, who unfortunately on this occasion was absent. The brethren own the lodge here and have a most comfortable lodge room and equipment. W. Bro. J. J. Hill was present and took part in the work.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto;: I visited this lodge on February 15th. My old friend, W. Bro. Robert Ferguson, presided, and did credit to this good old lodge as well as himself. A very large number of visitors from the city and surrounding lodges were present. The work of the first degree was exemplified. I offered some criticism in regard to the work, but on the whole the W. M. and officers did well and required but little checking or friendly criticism to almost make their work perfect. This lodge is about to have its own lodge room, the land already being purchased and the contract for the building having been let. The brethren deserve very great encouragement. The membership now stands at 145, and about 100 brethren were present on the occasion of this visit. The lodge was favored with a visit from W. Bro. Taylor and W. Bro. Burchard, of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora. I note the arrears of dues are \$224.00. I think this might be remedied..

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: I visited this lodge on February 19th. W. Bro. T. H. Shields presided. I also found present Past Masters of the lodge, R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, V. W. Bro. Morton, W. Bros. Woods. Manning and Fenton. On this occasion I was accompanied by W. Bros. Mercer, of River Park, Streetsville; W. Wilby, Humber Lodge, Weston; J. Patterson, of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction, and J. C. Smith, of Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge. The work exemplified was that of the second degree and was very acceptable. I commented on the whole work and pointed out some

respects in which some of the officers could reasonably make some changes for the better. This lodge is in good condition, and I think the prospects are very fair for its future success. They made considerable progress during the past year, having increased six in number. Their arrears of dues are small and they have their premises insured. The books of the lodge are in good condition. At the fourth degree about 70 sat down to the refreshments, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the members of this lodge are Bro. C. Irvine, who is the Warden of the County of Peel and the Reeve of the Town of Brampton, and Bro. W. McCulla, ex-M. P. for the County of Peel.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: I visited this lodge on January 22nd, and, as I anticipated, was most pleasantly received and entertained. The work of the lodge was most excellently done by the presiding W. M., W. Bro. A. L. Lyon. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden, as well as the other junior officers who took part in the degree, namely, the first, did their work in a most commendable way, and it speaks a great deal for the manner in which the brethren of Ashlar lodge have their work done. On this occasion M. W. Bro. B. Allen was present, also R. W. Bro. C. Morrison and V. W. Bro. J. McKnight. The lodge was also visited on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Dewar, P. D. D. G. M. of Ontario District No. 12. This lodge is extremely progressive, and every evidence of good fellowship and progress and good Masonry in general is present in all the appointments and the work done.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: I visited this lodge on February 28th. W. Bro. W. Riddell presided. R. W. Bro. Francis, of this lodge, and R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, of Richmond Lodge, were both present. This lodge has suffered for the past year in not being able to successfully pass many candidates through the ballot, and on enquiry I find it was due to a certain amount of ill-feeling apparently on the part of one or two members. However, I note during the last four months some progress has been made by this lodge. They have in reality added three by initiation during the year and have suffered one resignation, leaving a net gain of two during the year. Considering the lack of work and that the membership is not very strong, I was very well pleased

with the Master's and Senior Warden's work on this occasion. The Junior Warden was not so well skilled. The Inner Guard on this occasion endeavored to perform the duties of his office, never having before seen the first degree worked, and not having been particularly instructed I was surprised with the accuracy with which he did certain parts of the work and encouraged him as well as I could and gave him some instruction in the body of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Francis is a very zealous member of this lodge, and as far as he can is very attentive to it. W. Bro. Frank Smith, of Edgley, is also very watchful of the needs of this lodge and is well thought of by the brethren there. I believe the lodge will now prosper, as the cause of the unfortunate trouble which I have referred to seems to have been removed. The Senior Warden has been, through circumstances related with his business, transferred to Manitoba temporarily, but I hope the lodge will not lose his presence or his services altogether. At the fourth degree a very enjoyable time was spent by all present. The lodge was favored on this occasion with visits from Richmond and other surrounding lodges. The lodge finances and books are in good condition.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: This was my last official visit of the year, namely May 27th, 1907. W. Bro. George L. Stewart presided. As inspector of emigration he was under the necessity of spending a large portion of the winter in England and Scotland. On his return he took up the work of the lodge and on this occasion he exemplified the third degree. The candidate was well prepared, speaking well for the brethren. The work of the degree was very well done, not only by the Master, but officers, and the portions delivered by W. Bros. Egan and A. Carley were particularly good; in fact, would have done credit to many very much larger lodges. The books of this lodge are well kept by W. Bro. A. Carley, and the lodge itself is in a flourishing condition. The membership, though small, remains steady and has increased six during the past year. Insurance is maintained on the property of the lodge. At the fourth degree on this occasion the ladies of the district were present in goodly numbers and provided an enjoyable luncheon. The lodge was also favored on this occasion by the presence of the Rev. Bro. Dean and Rev. Mr. Walker, who in the fourth degree expressed themselves as

particularly pleased with the proceedings as far as they a very creditable way, as was shown by their presence this evening.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: I visited this lodge on November 29th, 1906. W. Bro. Gemmel presided. All his officers and a large number of his Past Masters were present. R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, W. Bros. W. J. Douglas, R. J. Gibson, J. A. McKenzie, J. Burke, J. E. Brown, of York Lodge, and J. Haggis, of Stanley Lodge, and R. E. Porte, of Mimico Lodge, were present, also Bro. H. C. Irwin, the Junior Warden of St. Andrew's Lodge. The Humber lodge room has been very much improved and decorated and supplied with electric lighting, and is extremely comfortable. The Master and officers did their work very well, and as the junior officers are composed of a number of bright young citizens a successful future is promised. The financial condition of the lodge is good and a special building fund has been started. I trust that in the not distant future this lodge will have a home of its own. I again visited this lodge fraternally on June 25th and installed the officers for the year, when W. Bro. George H. Scott was installed as Master. The lodge has shown very considerable progress and is in an extremely healthy condition. The village of Weston itself is growing rapidly in population, as well as the country surrounding it, and we may look for a material advance in this lodge.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: I paid a fraternal visit to this lodge on December 27th, when the officers were installed by W. Bro. Frank Smith, of Edgley, a Past Master of this lodge. This brother is most indefatigable in his efforts to advance the good of Masonry in the central part of the district and should be rewarded at some time by Grand Lodge, as his efforts have been of the most unselfish character. He very rarely misses a meeting of his lodge, is always willing to undertake any part of the work which is given to him to do. My old friend, W. Bro. Jesse C. Smith, Mayor of Toronto Junction for the year 1905-1906, was installed as W. M. It was a great pleasure to see this brother advance to this honorable position. I understand he has materially helped the lodge along since he became connected with it, and his geniality on all occasions tends to make the meetings agreeable wherever he is. I officially

visited the lodge on the 22nd February and was pleased to see W. Bro. Smith put on the second degree, and it was very acceptably done. He was ably assisted by a number of his Past Masters. Bro. Smith has proved himself to be a good ritualist, and I believe that material progress has been made in this lodge. The lodge owns its own premises and will soon be out of debt. It suffers a little from a difficulty in getting good candidates, but the quality of those that they have taken in makes up for any loss in the other direction. W. Bro. David Norton, who has been Secretary, and W. Bro. D. McLean, who has been Treasurer for a number of years, as well as W. Bro. Maynard, who has been Master of the lodge for several years, are a great support to the lodge.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: I visited this lodge on March 22nd on the 30th anniversary of the initiation of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone. A very large number of brethren were present on this occasion to show their respect for their M. W. brother, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The M. W. brother presided in the lodge room and exemplified the third degree. At the refreshment table between twenty and thirty brethren were present in the east, besides a couple of hundred at the other tables, and the M. W. brother gave a very interesting talk, recounting many reminiscences in the history of Zetland lodge. The brethren show on every occasion their good will to one who has done so much for Zetland lodge and a great deal for Grand Lodge itself. I visited Zetland lodge again officially on the 26th day of April, when W. Bro. D. G. Sturrock presided and exemplified the first degree. On this occasion there were present 150 or upwards in the lodge room. This was the largest assembly of Masons at a regular lodge meeting that it was my privilege to witness during the year. I had anticipated a good turnout and good work at this lodge, and I was certainly not disappointed. The W. M. and officers did their work remarkably well and sustained the good name this banner lodge of the jurisdiction should present to the less fortunate lodges. On this occasion the initiates were Bro. W. K. George, president of the Toronto Exhibition, and Bro. G. T. Somers, president of the Sterling Bank, and they showed their appreciation of the work in their few remarks that they offered in the fourth degree. The *entertainment* provided in the re-

freshment room, or fourth degree of this lodge, has always been well carried out and was extremely well done on this occasion. Solos, duets, readings and instrumental music supplied a large part of the program. The speeches were short, to the point, and interesting. This lodge has made wonderful progress during the year, having added no less than 48 to its membership, although the initiation and affiliation fees are the heaviest, I believe, in the province. It has spent in relief \$325.00 this year. This lodge was one of the first lodges to come forward and pay its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund two years ago. It has a better financial standing than any other lodge in the district and probably in the Province. Their meetings are always largely attended and enthusiastic. It is due to the splendid good fellowship that prevails in the lodge. This lodge is doing a great work and the members are deserving of every credit. The position of Master of this lodge is one to which a great responsibility attaches, and is an extremely honorable one, as the work connected with it is of a very arduous character. A Master who has in the course of a year to perform or have performed forty-five initiations in his lodge is doing a big work for the good of our Order. It is not the privilege of many Masters to do this amount of work in a year. One would naturally expect ceremonial work of the highest order in a lodge like this. A great duty devolves upon this lodge to assist many of the smaller and weaker lodges through this district, and I trust the brethren of this lodge in their ardor for their own lodge will not forget the assistance they owe to the brethren of the weaker lodges. A brilliant future is before this lodge. It has a most enviable record in regard to its financial condition. Only three members in arrears and the total arrears of dues \$13.00. This speaks volumes for the most energetic Secretary, W. Bro. John H. McCabe, whose value to this lodge and thereby to the Grand Lodge should be marked at no future date in a signal way.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: I was privileged to install the officers of this lodge on December 19, 1907, and again visited the lodge officially on March 20th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Howlett, exemplified the second degree. The candidate, Bro. Whitacre, was extremely well skilled. Twelve Past Masters of the lodge were

present to assist in the work of the lodge. The S. W., Bro. Clarkson James, is an extremely well qualified officer and did his work well. He will, I trust, be advanced to the East in the near future. I am sorry to note some friction in this lodge, due to a spirit of jealousy which has crept up between the present officers and a few of the Past Masters. The good sense and determination of the brethren, however, is well shown in their standing by W. Bro. Howlett, the W. M., as they have done and should do. The lodge has initiated 14 during the year and has made an increase of five to its membership. The financial condition is good and the equipment all that is necessary and desirable.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: I visited this lodge on April 23rd. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor occupied lodge, and were it not for his zeal and good inclination to Freemasonry on several occasions in the past this lodge would not be where it is. This is his seventh year in the history of this lodge as W. M., and he, I consider, should be rewarded by Grand Lodge with honors above those which the blue lodge can give. He worked the first degree well, as I had anticipated he would. He was ably assisted by his officers. W. Bro. Mercer, the I. P. M. of the lodge, delivered the charity lecture and the charge to the candidate after the initiation in a very impressive way. The lodge owes much to this brother. W. Bro. Rich has the books and the duties of Secretary well in hand. The S. W., Bro. Kennedy, will make a good W. M. when entrusted with the responsibilities. The membership was increased three during the year. The lodge is financially in good shape, having \$225 surplus in the savings bank, although the arrears of dues appear too large. The brethren spent a very enjoyable hour at the refreshment table.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: I visited this lodge officially on January 29th, 1907, when W. Bro. R. E. Porte and his officers exemplified the third degree. This W. brother always has his work well in hand. He is ably supported by two good Wardens, Bros. Brown and Woodill, and two good Deacons, Bros. Agnew and Evans. A very noticeable change has taken place in this lodge in the number of young members who have been admitted during recent years. The lodge room has been very greatly improved by the addition of the electric

lighting, and generally the lodge is very comfortable. The premises are clear of encumbrance, a surplus of \$490 in the bank, membership of 75 or upwards. This lodge has contributed about \$1.00 per member to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Bro. Black has the work of Secretary well in hand. A large number of visiting brethren from Toronto and Toronto Junction were present. The lodge is expert in the matter of entertainment and refreshments at the fourth degree. I fraternally visited this lodge again on June 25th, 1907, when a first degree was well exemplified. W. Bro. Porte is ably attended by his Past Masters, who are always present in goodly numbers.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: I visited this lodge on February 7th, 1907, and was most warmly received by W. Bro. H. C. Scully, the W. M. Twelve of the Past Masters of the lodge were present. A very large number of visitors from different parts of the country favored the lodge with their presence. Among them was our worthy friend, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White. At this meeting 11 applications for initiation and three for affiliation were balloted on, of which all but one was favorably considered. The first degree was given to Bro. Sutton, who proved a good candidate. The W. M., Chaplain, Bro. Moull; J. W., Bro. Chapman; J. D., Bro. Ledger; I. G., Bro. McKerihen, and the Organist, Bro. Stapells, did their work well. The lodge work has been very extensive during the year, 33 candidates having been initiated, and the lodge has made a permanent increase of 21 during the year. One of the most noted losses this lodge sustained was R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, who died April 7th, 1907, and was buried by this lodge with full Masonic honors on April 10th, 1907. On this occasion a very large concourse of brethren followed the body from the Speaker's Chambers in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Besides the respect shown by the Masons for the deceased on this occasion, the Provincial Government ordered a state funeral to the deceased. The ceremonies attending the funeral and burial were most imposing and solemn, and most befitting the career of the deceased brother.

S tanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: This is my mother lodge, which I joined in 1893. I was honored with the position of W. M. of this lodge in 1900, and after my unanimous election as D. D. G. M. in July, 1906, I

was tendered a reception and presented with an illuminated address on September 4th, 1906. The brethren of this lodge have been lavish in their kindness to myself on every occasion, and I feel grateful to the brethren of this district in giving a Grand Lodge appointment to this lodge. It will greatly encourage the brethren, and I hope I may be permitted long to show my good will to the lodge and my appreciation of their good will to me. I attended this lodge during the year when permitted by my other official and fraternal visits. I was privileged to instal its officers on New Year's night, 1907, and I officially visited the lodge February 5th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. McMulkin, is a good Master, being well skilled and firm in his conduct of the lodge work. Besides being W. M. of Stanley Lodge he is also First Principal in Shekinah Chapter of R. A. M., Toronto Junction. Besides this work in Masonry W. Bro. McMulkin has undertaken the superintendence of the Toronto Junction waterworks system. These various duties prove the W. brother's ability. On the occasion of my official visit on February 5th, 1907, I was received very kindly. Between 80 and 90 brethren were present and the officers exemplified the first degree. There were a large number of visiting and Stanley Lodge Past Masters present and the work was well done. The musical accompaniment was well executed and added to the pleasure of the occasion. This lodge has a membership of 250, has surplus funds of \$1,700.00 at interest, has lodge furniture and property well insured, and is harmonious and progressive.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: I visited this lodge on January 28th, 1907, and intended to inspect the work. The candidate for this occasion disappointed the members by not consenting to initiation. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson gave an interesting lecture on "The History of Freemasonry." I enjoyed the evening's entertainment very much. I again visited this lodge on February 25th, 1907, when W. Bro. Sprott, the W. M. and his officers did the work of the first degree. The work was as neatly done here as in any lodge I visited this year. The W. M. and J. W., Bro. Repath, did their work accurately. The S. W. was absent, and the Senior Deacon, Bro. Rowland, did the work and was a surprise to the visiting brethren. This brother deserves well at the hands of the members of Harmony lodge. V. W. Bro.

Barber gave the charge after the initiation to the candidate in a manner seldom heard. R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon then gave a short lecture on the "Brotherhood of Man," which was appreciated greatly by the brethren. The financial condition of this lodge is good, \$1,600.00 invested, and a membership of 315 in good standing. The lodge has increased 8 during the year. Relief has been given to the extent of \$312.00, or about \$1 per member. The arrears of dues are \$74.00, which ought to be reduced.

Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East: This is one of the young lodges of the district, and is an offshoot from True Blue Lodge, of Bolton. The membership is 45, having increased 8 during the past year. The W. M., W. Bro. Thomas Coulter, being a railway man, has been transferred from Caledon East to Alliston, and has not been able to attend one meeting here during the year. However, W. Bros. York and Hill have attended to the duties of the W. M. in his absence and the work has gone on well, as is evidenced by the above increase. The debt on the lodge is paid off. I visited the lodge officially on December 28th, 1906, and W. Bro. York initiated a candidate very acceptably. W. Bro. York was Master of True Blue Lodge about twenty years ago and is more familiar with the work as then exemplified. The other officers ably assisted and show that they will be able to do the work of governing the lodge when entrusted to them. I gave them some instruction, showing the difference of present work from former work, in order to instruct the junior officers. The brethren of the lodge are very grateful also to W. Bro. Leavens for his assistance when able to be present. This lodge is very prosperous.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto Junction: By command of the M. W. the Grand Master I took charge of the dedication ceremonies of this lodge on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 1906, and was assisted by R. W. Bros. Tait and White, of Toronto, and Dutton, of Woodstock; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, of Toronto, and a large number of W. brethren and others. A most sumptuous banquet was provided, good music and bright speeches marked the pleasant evening spent in the fourth degree. I visited the lodge officially on January 15th, 1907, when a large number of members were present. The work of the first degree was exemplified and was well done by the

various officers. The Junior Deacon is especially deserving of mention, and his work has since been rewarded by deserving promotion to the Senior Deacon's chair. The W. M., W. Bro. Sheppard, is a most zealous Mason, and has done much for Masonry in Toronto Junction by acting as W. M. of this lodge for nearly two years and establishing such a strong prosperous lodge. He has a splendid staff of officers, and if the members are careful in regard to the work of the lodge and the applicants for initiation this will yet be one of the strong lodges of the district. The choir is one of the best in the district, comparing favorably with some of the very efficient choirs in the lodges in the city of Toronto. Financially the lodge is strong, and it is prudently economizing its funds. The lodge has made a net gain of 14 in membership during the past year.

Corinthian Lodge, U. D., Toronto: This lodge was formed on January 10th, 1907, R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M., officiating, assisted by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. Ben Allen, R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W., V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, V. W. Bro. W. Blight, and a number of others. The occasion was a very pleasant one, as it marked an important step towards the healing of very unhappy differences in another old lodge in the Toronto district. I visited the lodge again on February 14th, 1907, and arrangements were made by which the W. M. and the two Wardens were appointed a committee with myself to arrange matters financial and otherwise between Stevenson Lodge and Corinthian Lodge. These matters were subsequently arranged satisfactorily to both lodges and each has shown its appreciation of the M. W. the Grand Master by electing him an honorary life member of the lodge. I again visited the lodge officially on May 9th, 1907, and the officers presented a third degree for my review. The work was very acceptably done. The W. M., W. Bro. Stephens, is painstaking and very zealous for the welfare of the lodge. An increase of 8 in its membership since formation speaks well in view of their starting out with a high initiation and affiliation fee. The lodge has done itself great credit in voting \$174 to the Semi-Centennial fund, being \$3.00 per member, exclusive of the Grand Master. I think the work done by this lodge and the efficiency of the work done by its officers entitles it to its *Warrant at this first meeting of Grand Lodge.*

In conclusion I desire to express my gratitude to the courtesy and kindness extended to me on every occasion. I am sorry I have not been able to do more for the district than I have done, but I trust my year has not been altogether without benefit. The district is most prosperous, both in membership and in the financial strength of the lodges. The best Masonic spirit prevails, as is evidenced by the good will and kindly assistance extended by the brethren to each other on all occasions and in their jealously guarding their membership against increase from undesirable quarters. I am pleased with the experiences of the year, and I hand over to my successor in office a district progressive and harmonious, and one over which to preside as D. D. G. M. for one year is an honor as well as an education.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. J. ANDERSON, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto West District No. 111.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'd		Affiliations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, &c. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
						E. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Regular.										Emergency.	Total.
52	King Sol'n.	Toronto	209	9	3	16	21	16	3	1	1	9	11	192	55	120 09	2	8	Dec. 26, '06	Good	Vy Good	Yes	\$ 100 00
51	Vaughan	Maple	41	3	3	9	1	1	1	1	1	12	115	15	15	82 25	15	Dec. 27, '06	Vy Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00	
65	Rehoboth	Toronto	324	29	28	20	26	3	1	2	1	9	11	14	70	266 32	45	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	100 00	
66	Wilson	Toronto	275	21	27	21	19	3	1	4	1	4	10	12	60	295 09	96	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	Trust	
93	True Blue	Bolton	66	2	3	6	6	1	1	1	1	12	113	10	7	10 09	7	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1000 00	
114	Union	Schomberg	40	3	3	9	2	1	1	1	1	12	113	12	6	5 00	10 09	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
156	York	North Toronto	152	14	19	21	3	1	1	1	1	10	818	14	95 00	8	61 25	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	450 00	
224	Temple	Brampton	313	11	17	16	17	3	1	1	1	10	913	14	30 00	1	9 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Yes	Yes	400 00	
247	Amherst	Toronto	48	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	13	13	15	130 00	13	112 40	Dec. 27, '06	Vy Good	Yes	Yes	2500 00	
292	Robertson	King	13	6	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	12	113	15	5 00	11	10 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	300 00	
305	Humber	Weston	65	9	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	12	113	15	16 00	11	46 00	Dec. 24, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	250 00	
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	63	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	111	14	17 00	18	82 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	150 00	
326	Zetland	Toronto	499	48	45	39	31	2	1	1	1	10	121	95	450 00	3	13 00	Dec. 27, '06	Vy Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
346	Occident	Toronto	252	5	9	14	19	2	3	3	1	9	717	24	40 00	3	32 00	June 24, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	Trust	
356	River Park	Streetsville	50	3	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	12	915	25	5 00	13	201 40	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	
369	Minico	Lambton Mills	78	5	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	12	915	25	5 00	13	201 40	Dec. 20, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1000 00	
394	Alpha	Toronto	223	21	31	25	18	4	7	6	1	13	13	61	130 00	15	280 65	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Vy Good	Yes	800 00	
429	Stanley	Toronto Jct.	247	1	16	20	17	4	7	6	1	13	13	50	312 45	23	74 01	Dec. 31, '06	Vy Good	Yes	Yes	1000 00	
438	Harmony	Toronto East	315	8	27	22	27	3	6	7	1	12	108	16	10 00	3	19 75	Dec. 27, '06	Vy Good	Yes	No	Trust	
449	Puel	Caladen East	15	8	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	12	108	16	10 00	3	19 75	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
474	Victoria	Toronto Jct.	63	14	18	20	20	1	1	1	1	12	108	16	10 00	3	19 75	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	None	
U D	Corinthian	Toronto	59	8	8	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	25	1	Jan. 10, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District No. 11A on the condition and progress of Masonry during the past year. In the first place, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district, and also for the uniform courtesy, kindness and consideration which I received from each brother during my visitations. Fully realizing when I undertook the duties pertaining to the office of District Deputy Grand Master that they would be manifold, yet I endeavored to discharge them to the best of my ability. Each lodge of the district has been visited by me. I have found perfect uniformity in the esoteric work, but I am sorry to report that the candidates are not in many cases sufficiently well informed in the work, especially that of the third degree, nor do the candidates, generally speaking, throughout the district subsequently undergo any examination in the third degree, which I think they should do. I was pleased to note that the musical service is growing in a number of the lodges. To my mind music imparts an added impressiveness to the rendition of our beautiful ritualistic work.

Knowing that the district over which I had been called upon to preside was an important one, and that the duties of my office would be somewhat onerous, I asked V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, to act as my District Secretary, and to him I am greatly indebted for advice and aid cheerfully given me during the year. I also appointed W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, of Richmond Hill, as my District Chaplain, and to him I also am indebted for assistance rendered.

The social side of our fraternity throughout the district has been of the most pleasing character. The entertainments, as well as the speeches given during my official visits, were in keeping with the dignity of the Order.

I am sorry to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund has not met with that success throughout the district that it is deserving. There is an apparent apathy among the brethren regarding it, and at all my visits I endeavored to impress upon the brethren the fact that the reputation of Grand Lodge must be upheld by them and that the success of the fund must not become a failure.

Shortly after my election I appointed W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, W. M. of St. George's Lodge, Toronto, and V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, as a committee for the purpose of procuring a suitable testimonial to be presented to R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, my immediate predecessor in office. This presentation will be again referred to more fully later in my report.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: I visited this lodge, the mother lodge of the district, on 9th October, 1906, the occasion being the annual re-union and Past Masters' night. There were fully 300 brethren present, and the function was a most successful one. This old lodge has upheld the dignity of Masonry in Toronto for upwards of 85 years. Upon its roll of membership are the names of those who have achieved fame in all callings of life. Among some of the old members who are living to-day and who are still connected with the lodge are Bro. Sir J. R. Gowan, who has been a member for 67 years; R. W. Bro. Sir Aemilius Irving, K. C., 63 years; R. W. Bro. James Bain, 49 years, and many others who have been members for 40 years and upwards. The W. M. of the lodge, W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, warmly welcomed the many distinguished visitors on this occasion, among whom were M. W. Bro. Dr. D. J. Goggin, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; R. W. Bros. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; E. C. Davies, P. G. R.; W. E. Middleton, P. D. D. G. M., Ottawa District, Quebec; J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. C. A. B. Brown, G. S. The first degree was conferred by the Past Masters of the

lodge, with W. Bro. J. T. Slater, now deceased, in the chair. The work was exceedingly well done. I officially visited this lodge on the 12th of March, 1907, when W. Bro. Geo. A. Kingston, the W. M., was in the chair. Among the brethren in the lodge who greeted me on this occasion were R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, Aubrey White and J. W. Watson, V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, and many Past Masters of the lodge and visiting Masters of city lodges. The first degree was exemplified in the most creditable manner. This lodge has a quartette, under the leadership of Bro. Arthur Blight, which added very much to the impressiveness of the work of the evening. W. Bro. John Pearson, who was elected Secretary of the lodge owing to the death of W. Bro. J. T. Slater, has a well kept set of books. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition and reflects the greatest credit upon the Craft of Toronto.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: This lodge was officially visited by me at its regular meeting on the 25th February, 1907. I found the lodge room well filled with enthusiastic members and visitors numbering 51. I was introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, a P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and who has been a Mason for over 25 years. The third degree was exemplified in a commendable manner by W. Bro. David Hill and his officers. The Senior Deacon and W. M.'s work was particularly worthy of mention; in fact, all the officers did good work. Among the visitors were W. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace, District Chaplain, and Bros. Taylor and Braund, of the Rising Sun Lodge; Bros. McLean and Bailey, of Richardson Lodge; W. Bro. MacDonald, of Vaughan Lodge; W. Bros. Riddell and Adamson, of Thornhill, and W. Bro. A. Boyle, of Montreal, and many others. I found the Secretary's books exceedingly well kept. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Nicholls, informed me that the members' dues were all paid and that the members were assisting the Semi-Centennial Fund in a most liberal manner. The lodge has a membership of 50 and the future prospects of the lodge appear to be most favorable. It owns the property and hall in which it meets, and has no debt upon it except an incumbrance of some \$300.00.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: At the regular meeting of this lodge on the 6th October, 1906, there was one

of the most brilliant gathering of Masons ever held in Toronto, the occasion being the presentation of a beautiful set of Grand Lodge regalia by the lodges of Toronto 7ast District, to R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M. The attendance of so many distinguished brethren fully showed the popularity of R. W. Bro. Harcourt. His courteous manner during the previous year when visiting the lodges of the district as District Deputy made him exceedingly popular. W. Bro. George H. D. Lee, the W. M., cordially received the many distinguished brethren, among whom were: M. W. Bros. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; Benjamin Allen, P. G. M., and E. T. Malone, K. C., Grand Treasurer, of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and Dr. D. J. Goggin, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; R. W. Bros. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; Wm. D. Tye, G. R., Goderich; G. Hutcheson, D. D. G. M. of No. 12 District; Jos. Beck, P. D. D. G. M., Goderich; J. W. Watson, P. D. D. G. M. No. 12 District; Judge D. F. MacWatt, P. D. D. G. M., Sarnia; A. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., Kingston; Donald Ross, P. D. D. G. M., Prince Edward District; Bro. Rev. Dr. Wm. Clark, of Trinity University, and seven or more Church of England clergymen who are members of the Craft. The presentation to R. W. Bro. Harcourt, on behalf of the district, was made by W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman and V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith. The first degree, which was also during the evening conferred in a highly creditable manner by the Past Masters of the lodge, with R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite in the chair. During the conferring of the degree the members of Doric lodge quartette, under the leadership of Bro. Marc T. Lester, rendered several excellent musical selections, for which they received the thanks of the lodge. The banquet which followed the presentation in the lodge room was of the most happy character. On the 7th May I officially visited this lodge and saw the first degree exemplified by its regular officers, with W. Bro. Graham Thompson, the W. M., in the chair. The work was well done. This lodge has a membership of 226, and there are no arrears for dues upon its books. This is owing to the energy of R. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, the Treasurer of the lodge, who leaves no stone unturned to see that the members promptly pay their dues. This lodge has also paid into

the Semi-Centennial Fund \$1,146.50, which is more than its proportionate share. The lodge is in a most flourishing condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: On the 1st April last I officially visited this lodge, when I witnessed W. Bro. J. G. Gladman, the W. M., and his officers confer the first degree in such a manner as to meet with my heartiest approval. I also found the lodge to be in a good condition financially and otherwise and the brethren enthused with a splendid good Masonic spirit. Among the brethren present on this occasion were R. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, W. Bros. Rev. John Coburne, W. M. of Northern Light Lodge, Stayner, Ont; Robert Ferguson, W. M. of York Lodge, Eglinton, and J. G. Cane, of Zeta Lodge, Toronto, as well as W. Bros. J. H. McKinnon, H. S. King, Jas. G. Boyce, W. R. Cavell, Spencer Love, M. Stewart and Alexander Gillies. After the conclusion of the work in the lodge room a most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: This lodge was visited by me on 26th April, when the E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. James Malcolm, the W. M., and his officers. The work was fairly well done. I found peace and harmony prevailing among the brethren, and the future prospects of the lodge are of the brightest. I was entertained loyally by the brethren while visiting them.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Queensville: This lodge is situated in a very pretty part of the district, and it was visited by me on the 4th of June, 1907. This lodge has an exceedingly capable Secretary, W. Bro. B. F. Pearson, and no doubt a good deal as to the progress of the lodge depends upon the energy he displays in its welfare. During my visit the first degree was conferred in a faultless manner by the W. M., W. Bro. J. T. Power, and his officers. The lodge possesses a neatly furnished lodge room, and a successful future is fully assured for it.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: This lodge was visited by me on the 3rd of May, and I am sorry to say that the meeting on this occasion was far from being well attended by the brethren. I found a great lack of interest among the brethren as to the welfare of the lodge owing to some internal differences existing among them. Some of the best members of the lodge are keeping them-

selves away from the meetings of the lodge owing to this feeling. This is to be regretted, because Newmarket is a flourishing town and is worthy of a good Masonic lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. N. L. Rogers, expressed himself as being sorry for the small attendance of the members to greet me. It is to be hoped that a better Masonic feeling will soon exist among the brethren of this lodge. It is to be regretted that the old stand-bys of the lodge are keeping away from the meetings on account of some internal differences. It is their duty as Masons, I think, to stand by the lodge and have matters righted.

The Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: This being my mother lodge, I asked R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, P. D. D. G. M. of Toronto West District, to visit it with me and to report upon its workings, which he kindly did, and I submit his report as follows: "I gladly accepted the invitation of my good friend and brother, D. A. Radcliffe, to accompany him on his visit of inspection to his mother lodge, the Rising Sun, No. 129, Aurora. The journey from Toronto was made by private car, and by the time it reached its destination seating capacity was almost at a premium. I feel that the R. W. brother knew full well that the work would be exemplified by W. Bro. W. H. Taylor, W. M., and his officers in an almost faultless manner, but being an Englishman born it need hardly be said that nothing but his bashfulness and modesty made it difficult for him to say so. It was therefore my pleasure to save him from any embarrassment. The pleasure of my visit was also enhanced by the company of R. W. Bro. J. Edward Francis, P. D. D. G. M. No. 11 District. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present, among whom might be mentioned W. Bros. W. H. Berchard, W. J. Stevenson, M. D., F. T. Daville, F. Baldwin, E. Braund and C. S. Russell, Past Masters of the lodge; also W. Bros. T. A. Lemon, W. M. of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill; Robert Ferguson, W. M. of York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton; R. F. Segsworth, P. M. Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto; J. T. Power and W. J. Hill, P. M's of Sharon Lodge, No. 97; W. J. Douglas and A. J. Brown, P. M's of York Lodge; A. Gillies, P. M. Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto; W. R. Cavell, P. M. of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto; A. B. Carley, Geo. Egan and A. McCallum, P. M's of Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King City. The officers of the

lodge were all in their places excepting the Inner Guard, this position being admirably filled by W. Bro. Berchard, I. P. M. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. Taylor and his officers in a manner seldom excelled. The work of nearly every officer was performed in such a manner as to show careful training and thorough knowledge of its meaning. I may say the work as a whole was of the highest standard, every officer doing his part with honor to himself and credit to his lodge. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having as its Secretary W. Bro. Fred. Baldwin. His books are models of neatness and accuracy, and at the time of inspection I think but three brethren were two years in arrears for dues. The lodge is adding to its membership rapidly, and I am pleased to note that quality has been regarded as an important factor in the admission of members. The brethren of the Rising Sun Lodge are good entertainers, and a very pleasant hour was spent working the fourth degree. In company with the D. D. G. M. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at its meeting on St. John the Baptist Day, 24th June, and had the honor of installing W. Bro. W. J. Stevenson, M. D., the newly elected W. M., and investing the other officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year, being kindly and most ably assisted by R. W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, P. M. of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, and W. Bros. F. J. Daville, E. Braund, W. A. Berchard, C. S. Russell, P. M's of The Rising Sun Lodge. W. Bro. W. H. Taylor, the retiring W. M., is a good ritualist, an enthusiastic Mason, and immensely popular with his brethren. During his year of office twenty-two meetings have been held, eighteen have been added to the lodge's membership, eleven of which were initiations, six affiliations, and one reinstatement. The evening was a most enjoyable one. The outlook for this lodge is exceedingly bright. (Signed) Edmund M. Carleton, P. D. D. G. M. District No. 11." I must add a word to the R. W. brother's report. The building occupied by the Rising Sun Lodge was formerly an Episcopal Methodist Church, and was sold to the Masonic brethren after the union of the Methodist bodies. It is built of white brick and is admirably suited for the purpose for which it is now used, having a very large floor space, and is well furnished and decorated throughout. The most striking

feature of the decorations is a handsome painting of the tracing board on the wall immediately behind the chair of the W. M., which is certainly a work of art. It was painted by the wife of W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Stevenson, P. M. of the Rising Sun Lodge, and is a lasting monument to her skill as an artist. W. Bro. Dr. Stevenson is to be congratulated in having secured for a life partner a lady who, in addition to her other good qualities, possesses so rare a gift.

Richardson Lodge, No. 134, Stouffville: This lodge was visited by me on the 25th April last, and I was greeted by a splendid attendance of the brethren. The first degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by the officers of the lodge, with W. Bro. F. W. Gray, the W. M., in the chair. I found everything connected with the lodge in a most satisfactory condition. The subsequent proceedings at the festive board were of a most enjoyable character.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: Owing to difficulties having arisen in this lodge during the previous year, when six brethren had been suspended by the Grand Master, a special meeting of the lodge was called for 12th November, 1906, for the express purpose of endeavoring to arrange matters satisfactory both to the Grand Lodge and Stevenson lodge. Among the Grand Lodge officers present on this occasion were: M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, Grand Master; Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bros. A. T. Freed, D. G. M., and F. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M. I occupied the chair on this occasion. After some discussion an arrangement was arrived at whereby some fifty brethren were to withdraw from the lodge and form another lodge, while the remaining members would still retain their membership with Stevenson lodge. During the evening W. Bro. J. H. Horswell was elected W. M., as well as apparently a good staff of officers. I officially visited this lodge on the 8th April, 1907, when the six brethren who had been suspended were restored by the consent and direction of the Grand Master to full membership in the lodge. There was no work done during the evening, but the utmost good feeling apparently prevailed among the brethren. I have been credibly informed that this lodge is now doing very well, and that many applications for membership are being received and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: On April 22nd I visited this lodge and there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. Among the visiting brethren were R. W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12; W. Bro. W. A. Beatty and others. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were: W. Bro. J. E. Gould (the first W. M. of the lodge), V. W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, W. Bros. D. Campbell, M. H. Crosby, T. Hardy, W. W. Johnston, S. S. Sharpe, Dr. H. Bascon, J. B. Gould and C. H. Nix. The first degree was conferred in good form by the W. M., R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, P. D. D. G. M., assisted by his officers. The festive proceedings were most enjoyable. Peace and harmony prevail among the brethren. I understand that some dissatisfaction had existed in this lodge, but it is becoming healed. The membership of the lodge is 72, and there are no arrears upon the books. The Secretary, Bro. V. M. Hare, is a most indefatigable worker for the welfare of the lodge.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: This lodge was visited by me on May 22nd last, when the first degree was fairly well done by the officers of the lodge, with W. Bro. Thos. Gregg, W. M., in the chair. The lodge shows a considerable amount of enterprise. The members have bought a building and lot, which they intend to have fixed up suitable for lodge purposes. While visiting this lodge I was well received and I found everything in a most satisfactory condition.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: It was on what was termed Irish night that I visited this lodge on the 21st March. The lodge room was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, palms and flowering plants, while the members of the lodge all wore buttonieres. There were 350 brethren present, among whom were: R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, J. W. Watson and W. R. Howse, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bros. Malcolm Gibbs, J. K. Knifton, V. W. Bros. Harry Leeson, H. T. Smith, J. W. Cowan and J. A. Elliott, Past Grand Lodge officers; W. Bros. Graham Thompson, W. Stinson, Geo. A. Kingston, W. A. Cavell, C. W. I. Woodland, L. H. Luke, P. T. Lee, Arthur Pearson, J. M. Wodland, Wm. McCartney, B. N. Davis, A. E. Burgess, Geo. H. Mitchell and I. B. Johnston. The third degree, with a full musical ritual, was conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. Carr Simpson and his

officers. I found the Secretary's books to be in a creditable condition, being well kept by the Secretary, Bro. J. B. Sutherland. I mentioned this fact, especially as the books of this lodge had become in a deplorable condition owing to a previous secretary having absconded from the country. During the evening a magnificent bouquet of roses was sent to the house of R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins, P. D. D. G. M., who owing to indisposition was confined to his house. The banquet proceedings on this occasion were most elaborate, the Master discharging the duties of toast master in an admirable way, and Bro. Rev. W. F. Wilson, D. D., delivered a most charming address in response to the toast of "The land of the Shamrock." The prospects of this lodge are exceedingly bright. Any difficulties which previously existed in this lodge are being forgotten and those interested in the welfare of the lodge are determined that nothing shall mar its future progress.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: At a meeting of this lodge on the 2nd April there was a large gathering of brethren present, in fact, the lodge room was packed to the doors, there being fully 300 brethren present, among whom were: M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; F. G. Inwood, E. M. Carleton and W. R. Howse, P. D. D. G. M's; Malcolm Gibbs, P. G. R.; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, District Secretary; W. Bros. John O'Connor, Carr Simpson, D. G. Sturrock, Masters of Toronto lodges; W. Bros. H. S. King, R. W. Clewlo, J. H. Macabe, R. A. Donald, James Haywood, W. W. Vicars, W. J. L. Anderson, A. Pearson, A. Johnston, W. M. of Acacia Lodge, East Toronto; R. F. Segsworth, Ed. Mack, W. J. Chick, B. Cairns, F. H. Anderson, J. W. Thompson and A. Gillies. The E. A. degree was conferred, with W. Bro. J. W. Redford, the W. M., and his officers in a manner as to bring forth my highest commendation. The rendition of the ritualistic work was enhanced very much by excellent musical selections by the choir of the lodge. W. Bro. F. H. Anderson, the Secretary of the lodge, keeps his books in an excellent condition. The utmost good feeling prevails among the brethren. The proceedings in the banqueting hall were both instructive and entertaining.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: On Saturday evening, the 6th April, I officially visited this lodge, when the first degree was conferred in a most creditable manner

by M. W. Bro. C. B. M. Murray, the W. M., and his officers. The choir of this lodge, which is an excellent one, aided very materially towards the impressiveness of the degree work. Among the prominent brethren present were: R. W. Bro. H. T. White, P. G. J. W.; W. Bros. H. H. McKague, W. J. Sykes, A. MacDonald, Ed. Barber, George McQuillan, Robert Ferguson and D. A. Burritt, of Corinthian Lodge, Peterborough. This lodge is in a splendid condition financially, it has but \$25 upon its books for arrears of dues by the members. The Secretary's books are exceedingly well kept and the prospects of the lodge are of the best.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: This lodge was visited by me on the 27th March last. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Campbell, and his officers conferred the first degree in an exceedingly able manner. I found this lodge in an excellent condition and the Secretary's books well kept. Bro. Rev. John Vicars, the Chaplain of the lodge, takes a deep interest in the work of the lodge; he not only acts as Chaplain but also as Organist. The festive proceedings were most enjoyable.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: On the 5th of April I visited this lodge, when there were nearly 250 brethren present. W. Bro. A. G. Saunders, the W. M., and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner which brought forth not only my highest commendation but praise from many of the visiting brethren. Among those present were: V. W. Bros. Geo. K. Clemens and A. G. Haywood, W. Bros. Frank Saunders, J. J. Mains, Joseph Hickson, W. B. Stoneham, R. W. Brennan, Samuel Nelson, H. Meadows, J. H. McKinnon, James Hewlett, W. M. of Occident Lodge; Graham Thompson, of Ionic Lodge, and W. Bro. Slade, W. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton. The Secretary, Bro. R. C. Gallaher, keeps his books in an excellent condition. The Past Masters of this lodge also take a deep interest in its welfare and they attend its meetings regularly. The proceedings in the banqueting hall were of a pleasing nature. This lodge is noted for its excellent entertainments at its festive board.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I visited this lodge on the 22nd March, when the first degree was worked in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. J. G. Cane, the M., and his officers. I was pleased to find that W. Bro.

Col. J. T. Thompson, P. M. of the lodge, had a son who is taking an active interest in the work of the lodge. Among the brethren present were W. Bros. W. R. Cavell, Ed. Barber, A. Gillies, D. Gregg, Geo. MacQuillan, J. J. Hoidge, Allan Mitchell, T. Pendrith, Geo. H. Mitchell, J. T. McMulkin, R. E. Porte, T. Ferguson, J. O'Connor, J. G. Gladman, A. McKinnon, J. W. Payne and J. C. Gray. The lodge appears to be in a most flourishing condition and peace and harmony prevail among the brethren. The festive board proceedings were of an enjoyable character.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering;; March 28th last I visited this lodge and witnessed the first and second degrees conferred in a most impressive manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper, and his officers. The floor work of Bro. Alexander Findlay was exceedingly well executed. Among those present were W. Bro. A. Gillies, P. M. of Orient Lodge, Toronto; W. Bros. R. Price and R. Phillips, of Brougham Union Lodge, of Claremont. I also met at this meeting W. Bro. Kerr, of Pickering, an esteemed and very old friend of mine. The hospitality I received at the hands of the W. M. was exceedingly good, and during my stay at Pickering I received the greatest kindness from the brethren of the lodge with whom I came in contact. This lodge is in a most prosperous condition.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: This lodge was visited by me on the 18th of March, and I was greeted by the attendance of a large number of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bro. W. L. Baynes Reed, Past Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bros. John Parsells and John McP. Ross, W. Bros. J. W. Johnston, Charles Fitzpatrick, W. R. Walters, John Richardson, T. Brownley, B. Cairns, A. Gillies, Ira Bates, Ed. Mack, F. H. Anderson, J. C. Sharpe. The first degree was conferred in an admirable manner by the officers of the lodge, with W. Bro. Arthur Johnston, W. M., in the chair. The present membership of the lodge in good standing is 127, and the future prospects of the lodge are exceedingly bright.

The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach, Toronto: The new temple of this lodge at Balmy Beach was consecrated and dedicated on the 2nd January last before a large attendance of brethren. The new temple, as well as the land, is owned by the members of the lodge, and

the building presents a most imposing appearance. During the evening the installation ceremony of the officers for the ensuing year took place. M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, performed the ceremony of consecration. I performed the ceremony of dedication and R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, P. D. D. G. M., the ceremony of installation. The other brethren who assisted in the due performance of the ceremonies were: R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, G. S. W.; W. Bros. James Haywood, A. E. Hagerman, J. D. Bailey, R. E. Porte, J. W. Johnston, A. J. Johnston, W. A. Lyon, and others. The newly installed Master W. Bro. John McCurrah, presided at the festive board, where a most enjoyable time was spent. I officially visited this lodge on the 10th May, when I witnessed the first degree conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. J. McCurrah and his officers. I found the books of the Secretary well kept. This lodge has a bright future before it, for it is situated in a growing and flourishing community within a few miles from the city of Toronto.

Before closing my report I desire to call attention to the lack of promptness displayed by the Secretaries of several of the lodges in the district in forwarding the statistical forms which they are required to fill out for me to attach to my report. I understand the same difficulty arises year after year regarding this lack of promptitude on the part of some of the Secretaries. This should not happen, as it retards the D. D. G. M. in sending his report to Grand Lodge. My year of office has been a most enjoyable one. I entered upon the discharge of the duties with some misgivings, and if I have failed to carry out the duties of the office in a manner to meet the approbation of the brethren I trust they will overlook any of my shortcomings.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. A. RADCLIFFE, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto East District No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11a, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber-ship	Decrease-during year.	Increase-during year.	Degrees Conf'd	Admissions.	Restorations.	Relinquishments.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deaths.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Trust.
16	St Andr w's	Toronto	342	15	17	12	16	13	7	3	1	1	5	10	10	30	75	\$10 00	2	\$75 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	47	5	1	9	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	23	16	\$10 00	4	16 25	June 24, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	2000 00
25	Imrie	Toronto	207	9	13	15	13	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	9	14	31	140 25	...	945 00	Dec. 4, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1700 00
75	St. John's	Toronto	998	18	18	18	18	18	2	8	9	9	9	11	9	40	66	45 00	...	945 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1700 00
67	Mark's	Markham	72	5	6	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	8	20	15	90 00	13	54 25	Jan. 5, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	79	6	1	5	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	25	15	25 00	...	54 25	Jan. 18, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00
120	Wesley	Aurora	94	18	5	11	11	15	1	3	1	1	1	14	12	22	22	25 00	3	56 25	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1700 00
135	Richardson	Don Mills	60	1	4	4	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	10	7	23	100 00	10	516 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fly Good	Yes	Yes	200 00
318	Stevens	Toronto	229	38	16	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	9	3	53	23 50	45	...	Dec. 27, '06	Fly Good	Yes	Yes	500 00
230	Zetzel	Scarborough	76	4	1	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	12	5	17	18	30 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00
293	Wright	Toronto	400	6	17	21	27	4	2	12	1	1	1	10	15	25	136	188 10	74	555 50	June 24, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
316	Doric	Toronto	245	23	24	28	28	3	4	5	5	5	5	6	12	11	73	138 10	17	89 00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
320	Orient	Toronto	290	13	12	11	11	4	2	2	2	2	2	11	9	19	22	140 00	14	64 00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	69	1	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	12	14	175 00	14	375 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
354	Brook	Canamaston	280	31	48	36	27	6	2	2	2	2	2	11	9	40	70	175 00	17	137 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
367	St George	Toronto	222	23	19	18	17	8	1	1	1	1	1	11	8	14	14	10 00	...	275 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
410	Zeta	Pickering	132	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	53 00	35	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
424	Doric	East Toronto	132	1	10	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	53 00	35	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
430	Acacia	East Toronto	132	1	10	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	53 00	35	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00
473	Th. Hensch's	East Toronto	106	31	36	26	1	25	1	1	1	1	1	12	8	20	35	50 00	1	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

With the close of the Masonic year and the completion of my duties as D. D. G. M. for Ontario District No. 12, ends one of the happiest years of my life, and I appreciate the honor and confidence the brethren conferred on me by granting me the privilege to represent the Grand Master in this district. I am free to confess that I found the duties rather more numerous and diverse than I expected and the difficulties frequently unexpected. I was sincerely touched by the universal kind treatment I met with at all my visits. Many friendships were formed which I trust may not soon be broken. All lodges but one were visited, some twice and three times, and I am glad to be in a position to say that all appointments were kept. Throughout the north country I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, and at all times had the benefit of his veteran experience to guide me. His assistance was invaluable and I will be a long time in repaying the debt. As regards my errors or short-comings, I can only say that a D. D. G. M. is human, and ask that the broad mantle of charity be thrown over my sins of omission and commission.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On January 7th I held a Lodge of Instruction in Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, my own lodge, on which occasion the lodge was doubly honored by the presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Burritt, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Murray. The Grand Master made the meeting historic by performing the ceremony of dedication of Fidelity lodge. A large number of officers and brethren from the various lodges throughout the district, as well as visitors from other districts, and it has gone on record as one of the best Lodges of Instruction

ever held in this district. The ceremony of dedication of the lodge was performed in the morning. In the afternoon Murray Lodge, Beaverton, exemplified the first degree to the letter perfect. Harding Lodge, of Woodville, was unable to attend, but the Senior Deacon and candidate put in an appearance and a composite lodge was formed, which did the work very well on short notice, putting me under obligations to the several officers who granted their assistance when appealed to. In the evening the beautiful third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Drew and officers of Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, in a manner such as is but seldom equalled and never surpassed. The Grand Master awarded W. Bro. Drew his cordial appreciation, and M. W. Bro. Murray assured the brethren that he had not seen it more beautifully expressed in years. Fidelity lodge has, for a rural lodge, very commodious quarters, and after the Grand Master had addressed the lodge refreshments were served in the dining hall, followed by the usual toasts, that were nobly responded to. That of "The Ladies," by Bro. R. B. Brown, who is still a bachelor, was new to the Grand Lodge, and was received with applause, as well as a song by Bro. J. Bennett Anderson, a missionary from South Australia, "My Ain Countree," which was rendered with a vim that created an enthusiastic reception.

Below is tabulated the report on each lodge as visited by the alphabetical order of the towns in which the lodge is held.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: I was unable to pay two visits to this lodge. The first, an informal one, was made on Christmas night. Only a small number of the brethren were in attendance, but I was well received and very glad to make the acquaintance of the brethren and to obtain their acceptance to an invitation to come to Port Perry and exemplify the first degree at Lodge of Instruction. My regular visit was made on March 26th. As might be expected, I found a larger number of the brethren present and several visitors, among them being W. Bros. Gregg and McQuillan, of Zeta lodge, Toronto. No candidate being in evidence, a brother was requisitioned to act as a candidate to be passed to the second degree. W. Bro. Walls, who had exemplified the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction, again proved his claim as an efficient officer. W. Bro. Furniss, who had been

acting as Secretary for some months, judging by the penmanship on his books, should have followed the calling of writing master. The lodge is in good sound condition and the dues well met. They are very careful in receiving applications.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon: On my visit to this lodge I was accompanied by brethren from Feneelon Falls, a distance of about 12 miles across country, but which saved me a much longer rail journey and delay at junction points. We found a goodly number of the of the lodge assembled and a very hospitable time awaited us. They have very suitable and well furnished quarters and are gaining ground, new members coming in and money in the bank. The work selected for the evening was the third degree, and I thought that some portions of the work as rendered might, with advantage to the candidate, be improved upon. This I pointed out, and the suggestion met with a favorable reception from the officers. W. Bro. Hurchmer is filling a two-year term in the chair, but is urging some of the younger brethren to be prepared to advance. W. Bro. Reid has his books and records neatly and accurately kept. They have the oldest baby Mason in the world—84 years young and 6 months old as a Mason.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: This is the second oldest lodge in the district and has had a checkered career. The village of Brooklin has not kept up with its neighbors, and it has many times been very hard to keep the lodge going, but I am now very glad to say that it has a good future. Many applications are being received and from very desirable material. It has had the rare good fortune during the last few years to have had as its Masters men of executive ability, the last three having been, respectively, an M. P., an M. P. P., and a Warden of the County. Unfortunately during the depression, there being no candidates, the work was allowed to fall below the standard, as the Masters not being called on to give the ceremonies they did not get the work up. I was obliged to call the attention of Grand Lodge to this, and I understand that already considerable improvement has been made with the good material they have. A little drilling will put this fine old lodge where it can make the others sit up. Unfortunately the Master, W. Bro. Richardson, was away on the occasion of my visit, Febru-

ary 26th, and as the candidate did not turn up no work was done. The lodge gave a very successful "at home" that was a credit to their efforts. They own a large building, occupy the top flat and rent the lower as a town hall. Only a small debt is against this, which leaves them in a strong position. W. Bro. J. J. Moore is the Secretary, and keeps his books well, and in fact is a mainstay to the lodge.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: This lodge is in a flourishing condition, and I had the unqualified pleasure of making three visits. My first was on a very cold night, January 23rd, not too cold for the brethren to turn out, but too cold for the candidate, who lived at a considerable distance. No work was done, but an enjoyable evening was spent, and I promised to call again. My second visit was more fortunate, a candidate for initiation as well as one to be raised to the third degree presented themselves. The W. M., W. Bro. Burgoyne, gave the first degree in a very finished manner, highly creditable to himself and the lodge. The third was rendered by W. Bro. Clark, of Haliburton, with a dignity which could not fail to impress itself on the candidate. My third visit was simply at an emergent meeting called to attend divine service, which call, I am pleased to say, many local brethren obeyed and many visiting brethren accepted, among others M. W. Bro. Harding, who, as stated, was away when I visited his lodge. The sermon was preached by the Senior Warden, a Methodist divine, who, unfortunately, is leaving town. R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald is the untiring Secretary of this lodge, his books models of neatness and accuracy. The finances are healthy, the dues all paid, and the prospects bright for The Spry lodge.

North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton: This lodge, as its name indicates, is farthest north in the district, in the prettily situated village of Haliburton. I was met and accompanied on this occasion by brethren from Fenelon Falls and Kinmount. We received a warm welcome from the brethren and found a number of visitors had signed the Tyler's book. A very pleasant evening was spent; the members and visitors filled the lodge room to such an extent as to considerably incommode the Deacons in their duty. W. Bro. Clark raised a candidate, assisted by a staff of excellent officers. I

have referred elsewhere to the manner in which W. Bro. Clark does his work so will not add further comment here. W. Bro. Jones, the Secretary, had a creditable record of the lodge and has been prompt in his duties. The position of the lodge is sound and will prosper.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield: On the 19th of April I was enabled to visit this lodge accompanied by officers from Woodville, though it is very late when the evening train arrives. This lodge has suffered severely from withdrawals, as it seems that many of the engineers working on that portion of the Trent Valley Canal were craftsmen, and not only visited but affiliated with this lodge. After the completion of this portion of the work they were called to other fields of labor and their withdrawal was a severe blow. However, the lodge has lots of vitality and is putting up a good fight, with prospects of overcoming all difficulties. The W. M., W. Bro. Ross, initiated a candidate and performed the ceremony in a deliberate manner so as to impress the candidate. The Secretary, Bro. Graham, showed care in the condition of the books. I look for a considerable revival in this lodge.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount: The brethren of this lodge invited me to install their officers on January 24th, which invitation I was very glad to be able to accept. On entering I found a good gathering. The W. M.-elect was presented by W. Bro. Smith, and with the assistance of Past Masters and visiting Masters a Board of Installed Masters was opened, R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald acting as Director of Ceremonies and Bro. White installed in the chair according to ancient custom. The Wardens and assistant officers having been invested, W. Bro. White proceeded to raise a candidate to the sublime degree in a very creditable manner, assisted in the lecture by W. Bro. Smith, whose delightful Scotch accent added a quaint charm to the beauty of the words. W. Bro. Train, the Secretary, has the minutes, correspondence and records of the lodge on a thoroughly business basis. On closing we were invited to a banquet at the hostelry of Bro. McKenzie that cannot be described by any other word than princely. The brethren are now looking for a suitable building to purchase. I wish them success in their venture.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: I was

enabled to visit this lodge on three occasions. My first visit was only semi-official on December 27th, and I arrived on a late train as W. Bro. Graham was just installed in the East, but in time to see him begin his duties by passing two candidates, thus proving the finding of the examining board. My regular visit was made on March 15th. The lodge had, since my previous visit, moved into very commodious quarters, and a large number of the brethren were present. M. W. Bro. Harding P. G. M., is a member of this lodge, and I was sorry to find that he was absent from home. Bro. Graham again showed himself familiar with the work by initiating one candidate and daising another. This lodge always has a lot of work before it. The officers ably help the Master in his duties, which are heavy, as do the numerous Past Masters who retain their zeal for the cause. My third visit was really unofficial and only deserves mention so far as it reflects the kindness of the Master in allowing me to give the third degree to a brother of Fidelity lodge who had removed to Lindsay. This lodge is fortunate in having a worthy Secretary, Bro. Cornéil. He is prompt, accurate and competent and of great assistance to the W. M.

Acadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden: The village of Minden is not easy of access, but the drive from Kinmount in the company of brethren from Fenelon Falls on a fine spring afternoon was enjoyable, but as much could hardly be said of the drive at 5 next morning alone when the thermometer had fallen back to its winter level. This lodge has a very small room, but it is liberally and tastily furnished and thoroughly and efficiently equipped. A warm welcome greeted us here, and the W. M., W. Bro. Hartle, raised a candidate and conducted the affairs of the lodge in a manner that showed him not only a competent but a firm ruler. Bro. Walter Munn produced a carefully compiled and properly audited set of books and a system of records of the lodge well kept. The finances are healthy and the present condition and future prospects of the lodge good. This is the mother lodge of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Watson.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: The first of my regular round of official visits began in this lodge. Oshawa is the only town that has two lodges, viz., Lebanon and Cedar, and a very friendly rivalry exists be-

tween them. To the mutual advantage, they use a common lodge room, and on the occasion of my visit November 13th I found a number of Cedar lodge members visiting. Here I met R. W. Bro. Punshon, who introduced me to the lodge, where there was a large attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The work exemplified was the third degree, and two candidates were raised. W. Bro. Sinclair did his work in a very creditable manner, and a number of Past Masters were present and all able, apparently, to relieve the Master of his labors at any portion of the ceremony by picking up the thread. This lodge is well officered and does fine work. W. Bro. McLean, the Secretary, has the archives of the lodge tabulated and filed in convenient form, and his books are commendable.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: Being introduced by W. Bro. Drew, the Master of Cedar Lodge, I arranged to return in two weeks. Accordingly, on November 27 I visited Cedar lodge and was again introduced by R. W. Bro. Punshon, who is a member of this lodge, and who later in the evening gave a very dramatic rendering of a certain portion of the third degree. I was pleased at finding among the members of this lodge several old friends and acquaintances, some had been boys with me when Masonry was a sealed book to each of us. One, W. Bro. Baird, had received Masonic light with me in Fidelity lodge, Port Perry, and by command of the W. M. he was made to render a third degree, which he did in good Fidelity style, and I could not resist taking a portion of it off his hands, as he had done in the past, though I must confess I did not improve the rendering of the ceremony by interference. The W. M. also raised a candidate, and as I have already referred to the high class of work done by him and his officers at the Lodge of Instruction I need not repeat. This lodge also possess a number of Past Masters in love with the work and an assistance to the Master and pillars to the lodge. W. Bro. Murton the Secretary, has a set of books not only a credit to the lodge, but vastly superior to what we might expect from one in the profession of law.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: This is my mother lodge, and I paid my official visit on March 29th. It was also the occasion of the farewell to our Master, W. Bro. Allison. Fidelity lodge is again unfortunate in

losing its Master. This has happened on three occasions, and as for Past Masters the majority have removed from Port Perry, leaving the East pretty bare. I must confess it is rather hard to be serious, and I felt that it was still harder for the brethren to take me seriously. In fact, it was well for me that the regret at losing our Master prevented undue levity. This is the second largest lodge in the district. It has a remarkably good suite of rooms and is now doing good work, having recovered from the loss above referred to, which had the effect at the time of lowering the standard of discipline. W. Bro. Allison gave a second degree and also initiated a candidate. During the period when the lodge was called from labor to refreshment Br. Allison was made the recipient of a suit case as a slight token of appreciation and remembrance. This lodge is growing in membership and has a good future.

King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland: Unfortunately I could not strike a night suitable to myself and the brethren of this lodge. They meet the same night as we do, and as I had arranged all other dates so as not to interfere with my duties as Secretary of Fidelity I wished to do so in this case, and the difficulty was to call an emergent meeting when some work was assured. I understand that they have their work in good shape, and I know the officers to be competent and full of work.

...Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: Composite lodge is the oldest lodge in the district. It has seen its semi-centennial, which unfortunately it overlooked and allowed to pass by without particular recognition. I visited this lodge on March 7th. W. Bro. J. J. Lynde is the present Master and has shown considerable zeal in office. During his term the lodge has held a ball, attended divine service clothed as Masons, and received a lecture on Masonic symbols. They also attended a funeral, but it would hardly be appropriate to commend the Master on this head, as death strikes no matter who is Master and the brethren have to pay the last sad office of respect to the departed brother. I was pleased at again meeting V. W. Bro. Taylor, who never misses a meeting and who is more than 50 years a Mason. The Secretary, Bro. McCormack, has a very complete and simple set of books on forms procured from an American house that particularly took my fancy, not only from the beautiful way he

kept them, but from the adaption to the wants of a lodge. I have recommended them to several lodges when asked about Masonic accounts. The lodge is showing great vitality and a bright future is ahead of it.

Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville: My first official act was to proceed to Woodville, by direction from the Grand Master, and constitute and consecrate this lodge, also to install W. Bro. Stabback in the East and invest the Wardens and assistant officers. I drove from here, as the train connections are bad, accompanied by W. Bros. Beatty, Swan and Allison, who had prepared the ceremony and were able to take the chairs during the Grand Lodge ceremony. There was a full turnout of the brethren, reinforced by officers from almost every lodge in the district, accompanied by a numerous retinue. R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald acted as Director of Ceremonies and assisted in the smooth running of the ceremony. A very excellent repast was served, and the toasts were more than usually well replied to. The meeting broke up at an early hour and myself and friends began our 24 mile drive in a drizzling rain, arriving home at 6 a. m. My second visit was made on April 5th, when I found that the S. W., Bro. Stacy, had been advanced to the East, where he showed himself a very capable officer, assisted by an excellent S. W. and J. W., Bros. Carnovan and Galloway. A candidate, a man of advanced years, was initiated, who very nearly collapsed during the ceremony, and the J. W., a medical man, was called on to dispense more than Masonic light. The working of this lodge is excellent. The Secretary, Bro. McIntyre, is leaving the town, and the lodge will feel his loss from that post, where he labored to the advantage of the craft. They own the building in which they hold their meetings, and are in good shape, with a future of the brightest.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. G. HUTCHESON, D. D. G. M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 8th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem. bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Mem. bership	Degree's Conf'd		Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																						
30	Composite.	Whitby	73	...	73	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	113	215	15	\$31 00	5	\$	39 25	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00
39	Mt. Zion.	Brooklin	36	4	36	4	...	...	...	4	2	2	4	1	...	...	...	2	9	110	15	15 00	6	84 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	100 00
77	Faithful B.	Lindsay	171	23	171	23	...	...	...	13	16	13	4	1	...	...	...	2	15	621	...	38 15	18	90 00	Mar. 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes	130 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	85	7	85	7	...	...	...	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	111	11	83	...	5	98 00	...	Good	Good	Yes	550 00
983	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	51	10	51	10	...	...	...	9	9	4	...	1	...	...	...	14	115	14	...	...	13	110 80	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
970	Cedar	Oshawa	85	9	85	9	...	...	...	11	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	213	33	...	...	14	139 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	550 00
368	Victoria	Kirkfield	69	4	69	4	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	11	218	18	...	...	1	5 00	June 24, '07	A 1	Good	Yes	600 00
406	The Spry.	Fenelon Falls	44	3	44	3	...	...	...	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	113	215	15	...	...	10	153 10	June 24, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	97	6	97	6	...	...	...	6	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	13	147	31	...	...	10	30 80	June 24, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	700 00
438	Fidelity	Port Perry	50	3	50	3	...	...	...	5	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	13	114	13	...	10 00	10	30 80	Mar. 13, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
440	Arcadia	Minden	53	4	53	4	...	...	...	4	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	13	113	13	...	...	10	45 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
451	Somerville	Kilmount	34	5	34	5	...	...	...	4	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	20	...	5 00	2	6 00	Jan. 5, '07	Very Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
463	N. Entrance	Haliburton	53	3	53	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	215	15	...	...	6	32 85	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
464	King Edw.	Sunderland	51	3	51	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	217	...	...	1	3 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
477	Harding	Woodville	48	5	48	5	...	...	...	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	181	24	...	...	1	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	Yes

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Hasonry in Prince Edward District during the past year. My election to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. of this district was a great surprise to me, and I accepted the office with much fear and trembling, knowing that I had been preceded by a long list of eminent men who had easily performed the duties in a most acceptable manner by reason of their high standing, great ability, and experience, and I felt that I could scarcely hope to keep up the pace set for me. However, I found that the duties of this office were much simplified by reason of the fact that they had been performed so thoroughly and well for so many years, and I found very little left for me to do. There were no quarrels or dissensions of any kind, and nothing but peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire district, so that my fears were soon passed away, and in place thereof I felt that extreme gratitude was due to my predecessors for the light task they had left me to perform. It was light because of the perfect harmony which prevailed, and yet somewhat onerous on account of the large area covered by the twenty lodges extending over a territory of 65 miles between east and west and 166 miles between north and south, and the correspondence necessary to keep in touch at all times with all lodges.

My first official duty was the appointment of Bro. H. S. Keyes to the office of Secretary for the district, and I am pleased to know that he has since been elected Master of No. 91, and I trust he may follow in the footsteps of his father, who has been Secretary of Colborne lodge continuously now for almost forty years, and during all that time has the unprecedented record of having never been absent from a meeting. At the same time I ap-

pointed W. Bro. Rev. A. K. McLeod, of Brighton, to the office of District Chaplain.

I visited every lodge in the district, and in all cases was received with uniform courtesy and kindness. Generally speaking the condition of the Craft throughout this district is very gratifying, yet it was only to be expected that I should find some lodges more prosperous and efficient than others. This was, to my mind, due largely to the influence of the officers and Past Masters, who united to maintain an active interest among the brethren, and this very often manifested itself in adequate quarters and complete modern equipments. Wherever such improvements were found there was also an apparent effort to do all things as well as possible. I do not think it is either necessary or wise for me to narrate the details of my twenty visits, for my report would be far too lengthy, but I may say that the officers and brethren in every lodge showed plainly a desire to perform their duties to the best of their ability and they certainly succeeded well and deserve great praise. Beyond this I shall confine myself to special matters.

Wherever I visited I was delighted to see the work well done, with very general uniformity, and yet I had no difficulty in noticing distinctive features in almost every lodge which were most interesting and instructive.

Tweed lodge is to be congratulated upon new quarters, which were dedicated on the 12th day of October, A. L. 5906, under the able direction of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ponton, who had been intimately associated with the brethren there during the time of the improvements. I regret that it was impossible for me to be present at the dedication, but on my official visit I saw many indications of new activity and am pleased to report that they have had twenty initiations during the year.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, at Picton, which is the largest in the district, was most hospitable and efficient in every way, and indeed a marked cordiality prevails in all the lodges in that county. The banquet at Picton was unique, in as much as it was held in the church school, where the ladies of the church, most of them being wives and daughters of the brethren, served ample and choice refreshments to an immense number of the Craft, and the speech making was bright and entertaining as well as in-

structive. I am much indebted to R. W. Bro. Wright for his assistance in the performance of my official duties.

Star in the East Lodge at Wellington gave evidences of great activity and prosperity, and the brethren there are entitled to be congratulated upon their well furnished and spacious hall and a most elaborate banquet.

The hub of Masonry in this district is undoubtedly in the city of Belleville, where three fine lodges meet in a magnificent, beautifully lighted, decorated and equipped temple, of which they are justly proud. Their receptions were all most pleasing, and the work in all degrees, including the fourth, was all that could be desired. A large "at home" was given by The Belleville Lodge, which included the wives and daughters and sweethearts of the brethren, and I was honored by being permitted to present nineteen Past Masters with jewels in recognition of their valued services to the Craft. I was accorded a similar honor in Marmora lodge, where I learned that the custom of presenting Past Master's jewels had prevailed for some time. I find that this custom has been followed in many lodges and is highly commendable, and I have recommended all brethren to remember in some like manner those pillars of Masonry which are to be found in every lodge—I refer to those old Masons who have been the means of holding up the Craft during many less prosperous days and who are still active and faithful brethren. The banquet given by the brethren at Marmora was a great success.

Some officers attempt to rush through their work too rapidly—they may possibly be excited or somewhat nervous on account of the presence of the representative of the Grand Master; and others are not careful enough to preserve strict order during some of the most solemn parts of the ceremonies, but a fitting and deliberate dignity was noticeable in the way the officers of Craig lodge at Deseronto performed their work, and they are to be congratulated on having magnificent large tracing boards, executed in oil by a talented artist, which are the finest I have seen in this district or elsewhere. One such tracing board is to be found in Colborne lodge, but generally throughout this district the tracing boards are rather inferior.

Bancroft Lodge, under dispensation, is making good progress notwithstanding the serious loss they sustained

by fire soon after being opened, and I recommend that a charter be now granted to the brethren there. The officers of Consecon lodge deserve praise for the faultless way in which they do the work in the third degree, and Percy Lodge at Warkworth is particularly at home in the same degree, in which, as I understand, W. Bro. Humphries generally lends a willing hand. Golden Rule Lodge at Campbellford shows evidence of new life and will no doubt increase in numbers in the near future. Trent Lodge at Trenton, Franck Lodge at Frankford, and United Lodge at Brighton seem to be growing rapidly in numbers and a noticeable desire to promote Masonry obtains in all of them. The night I visited Lake Lodge at Ameliasburg was very stormy, but yet a goodly number of the faithful craftsmen were on hand and did credit to their mother lodge. Stirling Lodge, at the time of my official visit there, had the distinction of being presided over by R. W. Bro. Shaw, who has evidently done much for its welfare during many years, and R. W. Bro. Halliwell was also present for the first time after his serious accident and assisted, though barely able to walk. Madoc Lodge has a large membership and appears to be doing excellent work. The number of members in Old St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, is rather small for the town. They have good quarters and good officers and many efficient Past Masters, and with their fine population should have as strong a lodge as any place in the district.

Realizing that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, I availed myself of a generous offer, and my official visit to Colborne Lodge will long be remembered by the brethren, not for anything which I did, but for a most instructive Masonic lecture R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan very kindly delivered. Many lodges in this district have also sat in breathless silence while he expounded the beauties of nature and science, and explained the historic tenets and principles of the Craft in eloquent terms, and while he recited with dramatic effect Masonic and patriotic masterpieces, for which he is so eminently qualified. Masonry in this district has certainly been stimulated by his inspiring addresses. He delivered a lecture to the brethren of United Lodge at Brighton, and also to the brethren at Picton on the occasion of my official visit there, and he assisted in receiving me on my official visit to Craig Lodge at Deseronto,

where I was delighted to meet the founder of that lodge, Rev. Mr. Craig, who came up from Kingston especially for that occasion.

I endeavored to follow my instructions in reference to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund to the best of my ability, and urged the brethren in all the more prosperous lodges very strongly to perform what appeared to me to be their clear duty toward this fund. I had much encouragement in many instances, and, if the promises made are carried out, I expect some lodges in this district will complete their full subscriptions toward the fund. I am pleased to report to you that my mother lodge, Colborne, No. 91, which held the record in this district last year, has now forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Secretary the full amount asked for by Grand Lodge. The wealthy and prosperous lodges of the city of Belleville have not contributed very largely to the fund in the past, but I am pleased to inform you that I received assurances from all of them that this matter would be taken up in earnest, and I expect they have now forwarded additional subscriptions and that they will in the near future do their full duty and thus be entitled to be regarded as our leaders in this as well as in other respects.

This district mourns over the loss by death of thirty-one faithful brethren during the past year. Five lodges escaped with an unbroken circle, while Picton and Colborne each lost four and Consecration three brethren. Two each were lost to Moira, St. John's, Belleville, Franck, Percy, Marmora, Eureka and Craig Lodges, and one each to Trent, Madoc, Lake and Bancroft Lodges. Notwithstanding these serious losses and those sustained by resignations and suspensions, Masonry in this district has increased by 198 members during the past year.

I desire especially to acknowledge my gratitude to the officers and Past Masters of Colborne lodge, who thronged to Toronto at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of many others from this district, elected me to the honorable position which I now occupy. I hesitated then, but I have no regrets now. I do not know that I have been of much service to the Craft during the past year, but I am sure I have derived much benefit from my intercourse with the brethren. However, I trust that my feeble efforts may have been of some avail and that Masonry may continue to flourish and

spread her benign influence over this district as well as the entire jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

List of deceased brethren in Prince Edward District No. 13, from 24th June, 1906, to 24th June, 1907:

Moir Lodge, No. 11: Bro. William J. McCammon, M. M., died July 6th, 1906, and was buried at Tweed, Ont., on the 8th July, 1906, with Masonic honors; Bro. Isaiah Huffman, died on March 17th, 1907, and was buried in the Belleville cemetery on March 19th, 1907. Both of these brethren were true Masons, but never held any office.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17: Bro. John Boyd, an old and much esteemed member of 33 years standing, was buried with Masonic honors on December 9th, 1906; Bro. Winifred Stewart, a member of 3 years' standing and a young man of 30 years of age, was given a large Masonic funeral on May 30th, 1907.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18: Bro. William Harvey Solmes, died 16th June, 1906; Bro. Jonathan Mottashed, died 16th October, 1906; Bro. James Gough, died 21st October, 1906; Bro. Benjamin Franklin Blakely, died 13th March, 1907.

United Lodge No. 29: No deaths.

Trent Lodge, No. 38: Bro. John Craig Wilkins, son of R. W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, joined this lodge by affiliation on April 3rd, 1906, and died on September 3rd, 1906, being buried with Masonic honors. He was made in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 38, G. R. Q., and affiliated with this lodge of same number, 38, G. R. C.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50: Bro. P. V. Buck, died April 10th, 1907; Bro. John Ward, died January 8th, 1907; Bro. H. Palmer, died June 22nd, 1907.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69: No deaths.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91: W. Bro. S. J. Tucker, aged 50, initiated June 6th, 1884, died September 2nd, 1906, and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. He had been Master of this lodge and Director of Ceremonies, and was much respected. Bro. J. H. Minaker, aged 32, initiated March 17th, 1905, died November 26th, 1906, at Regina, where he had been employed by the C. P. R. and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. Bro. Joseph Priory, aged 69, initiated June 6th, 1873,

died December 8th, 1906, at the Home in Cobourg, where he and his wife had been sent by this lodge about one year previous, and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. His wife predeceased him about one month and was buried by this lodge at Colborne and a suitable monument has been erected for both of them. Bro. Priory was much respected by all, having been a most faithful Tyler for this lodge for many years. Bro. Marcus Tuttle, aged 68, initiated July 8th, 1870, died February 7th, 1907, and was buried at Colborne with Masonic honors. He had been Tyler of this lodge and was much respected.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123: Bro. W. D. Chisholm, M. M., died on October 22nd, 1906. He was initiated March 4th, 1897, passed April, 1897, and raised May 6th, 1897. Bro. George Sargent, M. M., died on November 3rd, 1906. He was initiated January 5th, 1882, passed February 2nd, 1882, and raised March 2nd, 1882.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126: No deaths.

Franck Lodge, No. 127: W. Bro. Chester W. Clarke was initiated about 30 years ago and was a P. M. and Secretary for a number of years. He lived and died a Mason in the fullest sense of the term. He died February 24th, 1907, and was buried with full Masonic honors. Bro. Orville Sills was a member of this lodge for a number of years. He was made a Mason in Toronto and afterwards affiliated with this lodge, but the record of his affiliation cannot be found. He died March 13th, 1907, and was buried at Picton. He was an enthusiastic Mason and an honorable man, highly esteemed in the community.

Percy Lodge, No. 161: Bro. Robert S. Elliott died in Edmonton February 11th, 1907, and was buried at Warkworth with Masonic honors on February 18th, 1907. Bro. Charles Smith died at Campbellford on March 12th, 1907, and was buried at Warkworth with Masonic honors on March 14th, 1907.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164: No deaths.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239: No deaths.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283: Bro. Malcolm Moon, M. M., died September 15th, 1906; Bro. James Bagart Holmes, M. M., died March 29th, 1907.

Craig Lodge, No. 401: Bro. Wm. Stoddart, a charter member of this lodge, died August 12th, 1906, and was buried with Masonic honors. Bro. Robert McLeod, a

life member of this lodge, died at Kingston, April 20th, 1907. He was superintendent of the Government Dry Dock there.

Bancroft Lodge, U. D.: Bro. James B. Cleak died June 8th, 1907, aged 58 years, 6 months. He was buried June 10th, 1907, with Masonic rites. He was a Master Mason and held the position of Secretary of this lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRANK L. WEBB, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1908, to June 24th, 1907.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members.		Degree's conferred.		Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears, 12 months.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
		Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	F. A.	F. C.	Regular.	Transient.	Total.									
13 Moira	Belleville	214	27	25	23	9	21	45	407	50	35	\$ 113.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$4000.00
17 St. John's	Cobourg	213	16	31	13	10	9	25	719	25	20	75.00	June 24, '06	Good	V. Y. Good	Yes	1900.00
18 Pr. Edward	Picou	209	0	9	9	11	4	13	613	46	73	60.70	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	3300.00
29 United	Brighton	198	13	4	14	11	1	11	415	34	25	75.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Sp. Endd	Yes	700.00
38 Trent	Trinton	112	8	2	7	11	1	11	415	34	25	75.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	800.00
43 Madoc	Madoc	127	10	3	9	10	1	10	313	40	20	300.00	June 24, '06	Good	Excell. nt	Yes	1000.00
50 Concession	Concession	122	2	3	9	10	1	10	313	40	20	300.00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	800.00
69 Stirling	Stirling	121	3	3	3	4	1	1	313	33	34	193.74	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200.00
91 Oshorne	Oshorne	101	9	4	6	4	3	4	315	34	8	43.00	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1500.00
123 Belleville	Belleville	180	21	9	16	17	10	5	412	34	8	101.75	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Joint
136 Goldville	Goldville	63	4	4	7	6	4	10	614	30	11	11.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
197 Frank	Frank	105	13	9	9	7	10	1	418	39	19	68.63	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600.00
101 Vercy	Frankford	180	5	5	4	5	3	12	416	30	3	93.00	Feb. 7, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Cover'd
164 Starlin East	Wellington	117	9	7	11	17	1	1	619	35	30	75.00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	2000.00
915 Lake	Wellington	68	4	4	4	1	3	11	214	21	43	115.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Excell. nt	Yes	1400.00
233 Marmora	Ameliaburg	69	4	4	4	1	5	2	112	25	50	91.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	100.00
233 Tweed	Marmora	69	4	4	4	1	5	2	112	25	50	91.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	100.00
283 Eureka	Tweed	97	12	20	14	10	1	6	720	21	9	74.85	June 24, '07	Bright	Good	Yes	Joint
401 Craig	Belleville	83	0	7	7	7	3	2	112	20	23	111.25	Feb. 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes	800.00
U.D. Bancroft	Deeronto	79	12	2	9	7	6	3	415	27	1	22.50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	150.00
	Bancroft	30	14	0	10	8	5	4	214	18	65	00.00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	150.00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have sincere pleasure in submitting to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in this district. I wish in the first place to express my hearty thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me when they elected me to the highest office in their gift, an office, which I may say, I accepted with great reluctance, as I feared I had neither the time nor the inclination to perform its duties satisfactorily. Happily, I have had no cause to regret my decision in accepting the office, as owing to the uniform kindness and consideration of the brethren of the district, my duties, instead of proving onerous, have been a source of both pleasure and profit.

I visited, at least once, every lodge in the district, and the unflinching courtesy and fraternal reception that I received on these visits will ever remain in my memory as a source of pleasure and gratification. In many of my visits I was accompanied by Bro. D. A. Givens, of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, who was ever ready to throw aside business engagements and lend me a helping hand. His addresses to the brethren of the different lodges which we visited together were always interesting and helpful. In all my visits I tried to impress upon the brethren the urgent need there was for a prompt and generous response to the request of the Grand Master to complete their contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund. My efforts in this direction have, I believe, not been without some favorable results, though in some localities there was a lack of enthusiasm for this fund, which is extremely regrettable.

On the whole, however, I may say that Masonry in the 14th Masonic District, while not showing any phenomenal growth, is certainly flourishing. Harmony and a fraternal spirit prevails throughout the whole district, and

there is a genuine interest in the work. The character of the membership is high and representative.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Accompanied by W. Bros. Pearson, Bibby, Smeaton, Bunt and R. W. Bro. Hendry I visited this lodge on October 8th, 1906. W. Bro. Caton conferred the third degree creditably, assisted by capable officers in the subordinate chairs. Bro. R. Bennett makes a very efficient Secretary. This lodge, everything considered, is doing very fair work.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, was visited on October 17th, 1906. The weather was exceptionally fine and the drive to the village and back to Kingston the next day was thoroughly enjoyable. This lodge, though recently established, is advancing rapidly in numbers and efficiency under W. Bro. Gardner, the W. M., who has thrown a great deal of energy into the work. The lodge has suffered two severe losses in the deaths of the Junior Warden, Bro. Willoughby, and the Secretary, Bro. Hawkins, who was a most painstaking officer. In spite of these losses, however, the work of the evening, which consisted of a passing, was done in an efficient manner.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: I visited this lodge on October 25th, 1906. Most of the brethren reside not in Centreville, but in Enterprise and the surrounding country, consequently they are obliged to drive long distances to the meetings. In spite of this, however, there was a very good attendance. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Aylesworth, W. M., assisted by W. Bros. Carscallen, Longmore and Lockridge. These four brethren are certainly enthusiastic Masons, as they attend the meetings at which I was present, not only in Centreville, but at Tamworth, Newburgh and Bath. W. Bro. Cox is the efficient Secretary of this lodge. I again visited this lodge on June 20th, the occasion being the presentation of P. M's jewels to W. Bros. Cox and Wild. There were also four initiations at this meeting.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: I visited this lodge on October 29th, 1906, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Shaw. V. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bros. Pearson, Gimblett and Bro. Thompson. The third degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Armstrong, assisted by W. Bro. Northmore, in a manner which merited the greatest praise.

The excellence of the floor work, in which most country lodges are weak, was specially noticeable, all the officers being well up in their parts. There was a large attendance from surrounding lodges, and the really fine banquet and the speeches that followed were enjoyed by every Mason present. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition and its members show a deep interest in Masonry.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: The trip down on the Rideau King, one of Bro. Noonan's fine line of steamers, to this beautiful little village, was a very pleasant one. Bro. D. A. Givens accompanied me, and we received a hearty welcome from the members of the Craft. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Johnston, and his officers exemplified the work of opening severally in the first, second and third degrees, and closing the same in a manner that left little to be desired. The speeches of W. Bro. Preston and R. W. Bros. John Dargavel and Lewis and others were features of the splendid banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Preston. This lodge is keeping up its name for progress and efficiency.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: The next day after our visit to Newboro lodge found us in Westport, where we were kindly welcomed at the station by W. Bro. Gorrell, an enthusiastic Mason, and one to whom Westport lodge is deeply indebted for his interest in her welfare. The W. M., W. Bro. W. C. Taylor, did the work of passing a candidate very creditably, but some of the minor officers were slightly deficient.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: I visited this lodge on January 23, 1907, one of the coldest nights of the winter, but the cold did not seem to affect the ardor of the members of the craft, as there was a very fair attendance. W. Bro. F. D. Miller, the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Nesbitt, did good work in the third degree. Among the visiting members were R. W. Bro. Longmore, W. Bros. Lockridge and Aylesworth, who were present at nearly every one of my meetings held in this part of the district. The brethren of Newburgh own the building in which their meetings are held, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition financially and in every other way.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: I visited on February 4, 1907, accompanied by R. W. Bros. A. Shaw, W. H. Macnee and Jas. A. Minnes, and W. Bros. Burns and Smeaton. The officers of the lodge were installed.

W. Bro. Thomas Lappen makes a very efficient Secretary, and the W. M., W. Bro. Mullin, is a capable officer. There was no degree work at this meeting.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: I visited this lodge on February 22, 1907, accompanied by W. Bro. T. D. Minnes. The second degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. A. Forsythe, in a correct and impressive manner. Among those present was R. W. Bro. Wartman and members from the surrounding lodges. This lodge is doing good work. Bro. McKim makes an excellent Secretary.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque. Accompanied by R. W. Bros. Nicolle and Kewton, V. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bro. Pearson, Bros. Givens, Winndt, Bawden and Wallace, I visited this lodge on February 26, 1907. The first degree was conferred on two candidates by the W. M., W. Bro. Black, assisted by R. W. Bro. Skinner. It has seldom been my good fortune to see better work than was done by all the officers of this lodge. This is one of the very brightest lodges in the province. Its membership is already large and it is increasing rapidly. The officers are most enthusiastic, and they have imbued the members with a like spirit. There was a very large attendance, among the visitors being a good representation from Clayton Lodge, New York State. It is a good omen to see the friendly spirit that exists between the members of these two lodges who, though under different jurisdictions, fraternize in the most cordial manner. At the banquet, which was a really splendid one, the toast of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was proposed in an apt speech by R. W. Bro. Skinner and responded to most eloquently by the W. M. of Clayton Lodge.

April 26th, 1907, I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee. Though this is one of the oldest lodges in the district, like old wine it seems to improve with age. One could not look for a finer exemplification of the work of the second degree than that given by W. Bro. D. A. Vallean and other officers of this lodge. The attendance at this meeting was large, there being a fine representation from the surrounding lodges of the district, among the visitors being W. Bro. Aylesworth, of Newburgh, and R. W. Bro. Shaw, V. W. Bro. Smeaton, Bros. Bawden and Dickson, of Kingston. The banquet at the Royal Hotel was a most elaborate one, the Napanee brethren having

spared no expense in their preparations for my reception. Able speeches were given by R. W. Bro. Shaw and others. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and there can be no question of the deep interest the Napanee brethren manifest in the work of our order. The lodge room is handsome, and is beautifully furnished. The brethren of Union Lodge deserve great praise for their work and their true Masonic spirit. A pleasing event at this meeting was the presentation of a D. D. G. M. regalia to R. W. Bro. Longmore.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, was visited on March 20th, 1907. The W. M., W. Bro. Chas. A. Jones, had removed to Toronto Junction during the course of the winter, but was present at their meeting and conferred the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. Owing to his absence the other officers had not had the opportunity of working together, and in one or two instances there was shown a lack of proper preparation. The lodge has an efficient Secretary in W. Bro. J. A. Aylesworth and is doing good work. Several Centreville brethren were present at this meeting.

I visited The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, on April 4th. The second degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Daly, and his officers in a highly satisfactory manner. This lodge is noted for the excellence of its work. It is growing rapidly and is in a very healthy condition financially.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston, was visited March 5th. The W. M., W. Bro. F. W. Metcalfe, assisted by his officers and W. Bro. Tilley, conferred the second degree in a creditable manner. Among the members present were R. W. Bros. Welch and Nicolle. This lodge so far has had a prosperous year, and if it keeps up its present rate of growth ought to show a good increase in membership by the end of the year. Its finances are in good condition.

I visited Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston, my mother lodge, on 11th January, 1907. The work of the second degree was exemplified in an efficient manner by W. Bro. Pearson and officers. This lodge is in a flourishing condition both in point of numbers and efficiency, and the incoming members are of very desirable material and ought to make good Masons. Among the old and tried Masons of Cataraqui lodge I can not refrain from

mentioning V. W. Bro. Smeaton, who, though he is no longer a young man, never misses a meeting and is always ready to take any part of the work.

At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master I decided, with the assistance of the three Kingston lodges, to hold a Lodge of Instruction for this district. Accordingly, on April 12th the brethren of the district, to the number of about 250, met in Kingston. I was very much pleased with the large attendance and the great enthusiasm shown by all those present, many of whom had, at considerable personal inconvenience, arranged to be present. The brethren from the outside lodges attended in large numbers, as the work was handed over entirely to them. The first and second degrees were exemplified during the afternoon and the third in the evening. The opening of the first degree was by Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, the first part by Leeds lodge, Gananoque, the second part and closing by Rideau lodge, Seeley's Bay. The opening of the second degree was by Simpson Lodge, Newboro, the first part by Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh, the second part by Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith. In the evening the third degree was exemplified, Westport Lodge opening; Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, putting on the first part; Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, the second part; Union Lodge, Napanee, the third part, and Victoria Lodge, Centreville, the closing. The following W. M's and their officers took part in the work, viz.: W. Bros. Geo. Johnson, Gorrell, Caton, Gardner, Aylesworth, Northmore, Nesbitt, Forsythe, Black, Vallean. The work by all the lodges in the three degrees was decidedly well done and was highly praised by the M. W. the Grand Master, especially the work of the third degree as exemplified by W. Bros. Northmore, of Bath; Black, of Gananoque, and Vallean, of Napanee. The banquet in the evening, which was held in the City Hall, was very largely attended. Addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Morgan, of Deseronto; R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, of Belleville; R. W. Bro. Shaw, of Kingston, and others. I have to thank the committee from the Kingston lodges for their valuable assistance in arranging and carrying out the program, especially W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, who very kindly acted as Secretary.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I have been advised of the following deaths: Bro. J. J. Moore on January 23, Bro. J. E. Booth on February 12, and Bro. W. G. Matthews, members of Leeds Lodge, No. 201; Bro. J. W. Bertram, of Albion Lodge, No. 109, on June 7; Bro. Nicholas Hugo, of Minden Lodge, No. 253, on December 21; Bro. Geo. R. Hawkins and Bro. John Willoughby, of Rideau Lodge, No. 460; R. W. Bro. F. B. Stratton, of Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Past Grand Chaplain and ex-President of the Bay of Quinte Conference of the Methodist Church, passed away 8th November, 1906; Bro. D. E. Rose, also a member of Lorne Lodge, No. 404, on 12th May, 1907; Bro. Anson Storms, of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, on July 12; Bro. Robert Boyes on April 2, Bro. J. R. Fraser on January 4, and Bro. George Schryer, members of Union Lodge, No. 9.

In conclusion I may say that the office which I took up with more or less of a feeling of reluctance has proved a source of pleasure. The cordiality of my reception by the lodges throughout the district and the whole-hearted manner in which they showed their appreciation of any suggestions I offered rendered my visits in every case pleasant. I have cause to believe that on the whole my work was not unappreciated, as was shown by the exceptionally large attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, which was the largest ever held in Kingston. I have to return my very hearty thanks to all the brethren of the district for their extreme kindness and courtesy, which I will ever remember.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. JACKSON, D. D. G. M.,
Masonic District No. 14.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

The cycle of time having passed, and the mystic craft at the close of another term, I have the honor of submitting to your consideration the state of Masonry in this district, and at the same time beg to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of St. Lawrence District, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, in electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. In entering upon the duties of the office (with a certain amount of diffidence) I had confidence in the district (by past experience) of the Masonic zeal and generous support accorded to my predecessors, which has been verified to the fullest extent, and at the close of my term of office I wish to convey my heartfelt thankfulness to the officers and brethren for the many acts of kindness and courteous receptions from all points of the district, by which I have been materially assisted, in performing the various duties subservient to the office, as I feel that without the hearty co-operation of every individual member in each district the full measure of usefulness of all office, however exalted, is lost, and though full of zeal, of non-effect. I have also to thank the many brethren who kindly accompanied me to the several lodges when making official visits—in many cases at the sacrifice of time. To render the work of the district as effective as possible, and to bring the members of the several lodges more in touch one with another, I have had the assistance of an able District Secretary in the person of Bro. G. W. Fluker and Bro. Rev. C. A. Sykes, as District Chaplain, both of St. Francis lodge, to whom I am indebted for kind assistance in their respective offices.

The district is full of Masonic zeal, healthy, vigorous and confident in the personnel of the officers of the several lodges, showing marked improvement in method,

manner and delivery, an earnest desire to observe the ancient landmarks and to adhere to the mystic rites, laboring more for quality than quantity, realizing the honor conferred upon one who may approach our portals in the prescribed manner. Most of the lodges are in good financial standing, in some cases having large amounts to their credit. The arrears are on the decrease, the dues fairly well paid up, suspensions for non-payment of dues is being enforced, as called for in the Constitution. The general attendance at the various meetings are encouraging to the W. M's and officers. Some of the lodges are well furnished and supplied with new regalia. The Secretaries books are in most cases well kept, some particularly so (and in others, room for improvement), showing care, assiduity and system. Harmony has prevailed throughout the district except for a time, when a dark cloud appeared above the horizon, which increased in size until the brethren of this particular lodge were dismayed and fearful of the results (and this in a lodge where for years the most perfect good feeling was paramount). This continued for some time, when the grandeur of our institution broke down the bulwarks of strife. Some leading spirits in the controversy, in spite of themselves, could not subdue the true Masonic spirit within them, came to the front with the olive branch, buried their differences, acknowledging their faults (with the outstretched hand) for reconciliation, thereby showing he true bond of brotherly love. The man, one of the above Masons, has been called away from the quarries by the G. A. O. T. U. to present his work for approval—will it stand the test of the square. Now the cloud has passed away, the silver lining of harmony once more prevails, it has filled its mission and proved a lesson to the Craft and all is peace. I pen this purposely and advisedly, though perhaps somewhat, out of place, but the brethren will understand the good work was consummated without appeal to the D. D. G. M. or his assistance in any way. We have reason to be thankful for the large measure of success in the district, and the early appeal to the several lodges for co-operation in the work has been recognized.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Great Architect of the Universe has been pleased to summon the following brethren from the field of their accustomed labor to present their work for inspection.:

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Bro. David Colin Moshin, V. W. Bro. John Dunlop; Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, Bro. Abrin Allen, W. Bro. A. H. Phelps; 12 others not reported in full.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Agreeable to the wishes of the M. W. the Grand Master, we issued circular letters to the several lodges respecting said fund, showing our responsibility individually and collectively, the urgent need of reconsideration by those who had not contributed to the fund for reasons of their own. On all occasions, when making official visits, I have dwelt more or less on this subject as the circumstances required, pointing out that our district, as a unit, had not done its duty, though I am pleased to say some of the lodges have been most generous in gratuities we were far short, as a district, in our contributions to so deserving a cause. The fund must be raised, honor demands it, and trust that my appeal will result in a generous response for the honor of our district and welfare of the Order.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held in Brockville on Friday, the 29th day of March. The meeting was unique and suggestive on many points, from the fact that it was under the auspices of Sussex and Salem lodges, who kindly consented to convene the same, thus having the chairs occupied jointly by the W. M's, Wardens, etc., in the respective chairs. The gathering was large, larger than was anticipated, having representatives from all points, each lodge paying their quota of the expense (a percapita tax of ten cents per member), who carried away with them many points on procedure and ritualistic work for uniformity throughout the district, and I have had the pleasure of noting, when visiting the said lodges, a marked improvement in the floor and other work, showing the desirability of continuing the idea of annual gatherings of the brethren in the various districts, as one becomes more closely in touch with the members of the several lodges, who exchange ideas and thoughts that must arise, and who return to their respective homes imbued with more zeal and sense of importance of the institution of which they form an integral part. The meeting was convened for 2.30 p. m., when the brethren as-

sembled in the spacious lodge room, of which Brockville brethren are justly proud, and opened in the first degree, which degree was exemplified by W. Bro. L. F. Blanchard and ably assisted by the officers of Macoy Lodge, No. 242, of Mallorytown. To say it was well done would not convey to the full extent the care, study and time given by the officers, as each and every one performed his respective part with precision, promptness and celerity, which was appreciated by the brethren present, more so from the fact that Mallorytown is situated in a limited sphere for material, of which they have more than the average. The lodge was then passed to the second degree by the officers of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, for the current term. W. Bro. Dr. F. C. Hagar in the chair exemplified the second or Fellowcraft degree in a manner that was in keeping with the credit of St. Francis for good work. The floor work was worthy of particular mention, as the officers had been but a short time in their respective chairs, showing the necessity of all lodges paying all possible attention to the precision, celerity, poetry of motion and measured steps required in the evolutions of the several parts. Some free and impartial discussion was appreciated, as they were discussed in the true spirit of good and welfare. The lodge then called off from labor for refreshment until 7.30. The lodge resumed labor at 8 p. m., and the several chairs were filled by Masters, Wardens, etc., of Sussex and Salem lodges, two in each of the respective chairs, which was unique and effective. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, and the said degree was exemplified by officers selected from the two lodges. The brethren of Sussex and Salem have a reputation in Masonic lore to preserve, and W. Bro. J. Greene, supported by a coterie of able officers, realized the honor and endeavored to impress, forcibly, upon those present, all the beauties emblematically, symbolic and rhetorical, that are within the compass of this portion, carrying, as it should, the convictions of the solemnity and culmination of a degree of which Masons are justly proud, a Master Mason's. Many points were discussed and an earnest desire shown by all to correct any slight errors that may have occurred, or expressed with a view preserving the ancient landmarks. Words will not express the debt I personally, and the district generally, owe to the officers and mem-

bers om Sussex and Salem lodges in their generous and ever ready helping hand in carrying out the large amount of work in the above, and also in catering for a banquet at the close of the work, when some two hundred and fifty gathered round the festive board to do justice to the good things set before them, which from an epicurean standpoint was all that could be desired, and it must have been of potent power, for it was followed by toast, speech, music and song, thrust and parry of merry jest and repartee that can only come from such a gathering that each and every one felt it was good to be there.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have had the pleasure and honor of visiting all the lodges in the district on the regular nights of meeting, except in two cases, which has been a source of profit to myself and I hope some benefit to the district.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, January 28: A progressive lodge, which some time ago was in low water, but the stalwarts of the district, root and branch, and others, by unity of action, perseverance and thrift, have come to the front, showing marked ability and earnestness in Masonic work.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn, January 29: The home of rank and intellect, painstaking, loyal, and well advanced in ritualistic forms and ceremonies, bright and earnest in Masonic greetings, true and trusty, with bright prospects for the future.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, February 26: Members of this lodge are known far and wide, congenial in spirit, masters of the art, impressive in work, and well grounded in the principles of the order, which have borne fruit in the near past, under peculiar circumstances, to their manhood.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, February 27: Within whose walls gather kindred spirits, military, professional, mercantile, lords of the soil, etc., on one social level, giving and receiving Masonic courtesies with the true spirit of brotherly love, such gatherings being an oasis in the wilderness of every-day life.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, March 2: A joint meeting of the above lodges, in what may be termed the hot-bed of Masonry, having a Masonic past, present and future, due to the mystic spirit that was implanted and has dwelt for so many

years, and still lives and bears fruit, and practiced by the brethren to a large extent, having calls on their time, money and zeal above other lodges in the district, they being in close proximity to the hospital and insane asylum, they act the part of the good samaritan and respond cheerfully to the many calls from the Craft, and in so doing do not forget the stranger outside the Masonic portals but share with them their bounty.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, April 23: Classical in name, and advancing in the science, realizing the need of close attention and attendance to the work, the spirit is there for development, the call to arms to all within their cable tow should suffice.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, April 24: Harmony in deed, precept and principle, being generously exemplified by the same with their neighbors, much to their credit, it is better to give than receive when same can be done in a good cause.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne, April 25: Figuratively, pulling down their barns and building greater, they are now in their new home, which speaks volumes for the energy and zeal of the little band who dwell in that picturesque district, who dispense the Masonic teachings with a liberal hand, being fishers of men who are true.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, May 7: The most eastern lodge in the district; certainly all the wise men have not left the east, for there are prophets and wise men dispensing Masonic teachings who are recognized by the craft in their own town as men of no mean order prospering and doing all things well.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth, May 10: Of ancient lineage, and located on the river Tay, can boast of many epochs in the history of our honorable body, being early pioneers in the Craft, have done much good, and great work in the past in lending the helping hand in forming new lodges and establishing the order in our land and now after a period of rest, are imbued with new blood, zeal and spirit.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, May 17: Not among the least of the aspirants for Masonic preferment in Masonic work, within its walls dwell harmony, peace and concord, which prompt the brethren to assist each in their several parts, thus bringing the rough ashlar

into true and proper form, true to their past record and their patron saint.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, June 17: Another resting place and home of early pioneer traditions, of craftsmanship and mystic ties, within whose walls hang sacred records of the dim past, grim with age but worth a king's ransom from a Masonic standpoint, and proportionately revered by their possessors, work still going on in the old stand, in the same old way.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta: Of historic renown, now about to celebrate its antiquity, being one of the first lodges in the district, and certainly living up to all the requirements of the ancient landmarks, observing the same in word and deed, bestowing their charity and hospitality on the deserving with no mean hands, composed of ardent workers in the Craft, a home where one can say it was good to be there.

In the foregoing I have summarized the general conditions of the lodges. Not wishing to deal with each lodge individually, as to its particular working I have already done so, it would not in our case be doing justice to the officers and members of the district. This I do advisedly, for obvious reasons, which the brethren will understand. The ritualistic and floor work and general delivery is good (of course some more lucid and impressive than others), except in two cases, which were below the average, and I feel convinced, by not drawing particular public attention to these, as I have already admonished them, that they will be better prepared and anxious to be on a par with others in the district. As a district we may well be proud of the large number of Masters and Past Masters who can, and do, exemplify the work in a manner that is a credit to the craft, and being, as they are, supported with an array of subordinate officers, efficient in the evolutions and responses of their respective positions, we can exclaim Excelsior, for we are not up to the standard or plane that can be reached. This motto is well to the fore, stimulating the aspirations of the neophyte and more experienced workman.

In conclusion I feel that the district has been true to itself by co-operation in all matters tending for the general good and welfare. I must again express my heartfelt thanks for the kind and generous assistance from the officers and brethren, including R. W. Bros. G.

K. Davey, R. Watchorn, G. B. Magee, E. A. Cummings, Dr. W. H. Waddell, and the officers and members of Sussex and Salem particularly in the work of the Craft and entertainment.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. T. MARTIN, D. D. G. M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 9th, 1906, to June 9th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degrees			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.	A. A.			A. F. M.			Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Total	Decrease	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.		Restorations.	Resignations.		Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
5	Sussex	Brookville	233	21	8	11	19	19	1	4	4	14	5	19	41	169	00	2	\$68 00	Dec. 27, '06	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	Trust	
14	Tr. Britons	Perth	103	11	8	7	6	3	1	5	1	11	5	16	15	25	00	15	76 75	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$700 00	
94	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	441	9	11	6	6	3	3	5	1	114	5	19	38	50	00	.....	.....	Dec. 29, '06	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	500 00
96	Mount Zion	Kemptville	49	6	1	9	3	2	2	114	4	18	17	5	00	18	69 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	83	3	9	2	111	4	15	16	15	00	10	25 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
74	St. James	South Augusta	64	3	3	3	5	13	11	12	25	30	00	18	Jan. 5, '07	Good	Favorable	Yes	500 00
65	Rising Sun	Athens	63	3	3	3	5	9	12	9	14	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	No	300 00
110	Central	Prescott	105	12	5	12	8	8	.....	.....	.....	11	12	12	21	103	00	13	42 75	July 2, '06	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
249	Maoy	Malorytown	84	10	1	10	11	10	.....	.....	.....	11	5	19	25	50	00	11	41 75	Jan. 23, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
368	Salem	Brookville	169	23	8	19	19	16	1	3	1	6	113	10	22	38	119	00	4	93 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1700 00
370	Harmony	Delta	64	3	3	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	11	2	15	11	10	00	6	15 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00
387	Lanadowne	Lanadowne	44	5	1	4	3	3	11	1	12	15	Dec. 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
399	C. Fountain	North Augusta	48	4	1	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	11	2	11	15	15	00	7	23 85	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	43	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	1	13	15	10	00	5	50 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report for the Ottawa District No. 16. I have been able to visit all the lodges except one, as noted elsewhere. I have been called upon in nearly every instance to express my approval of the work and the enthusiasm of the brethren. The affairs and standing of the lodges are quite satisfactory, and it is evident the Order is undergoing a season of great expansion. Many gentlemen of high standing and ability are joining the lodges, and the great usefulness of the Order is now fully recognized and its influence is being established deep, wide and enduring.

I appointed W. Bro. T. W. Wright, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, to be District Secretary during my pleasure, also appointed the Rev. Bro. A. W. Mackay, of Civil Service Lodge, to be District Chaplain.

Corinthian Lodge, U. D.: As my duty required me to be able to vouch for the ability and capacity of the W. M. and officers of Corinthian Lodge, U. D., North Gower, I proceeded thither on the 31st August, 1906, and reviewed the following work: W. Bro. Clark Craig conferred the first degree, W. Bro. McCordick conferred the second degree, W. Bro. Clark Craig conferred the second degree, W. Bro. Cryderman conferred the second degree. The whole of the work and the management of the lodge was to my entire satisfaction, and the books of the Secretary are well kept. Accordingly, having received authority from the M. W. the Grand Master I again visited this lodge on the 28th September, 1906, and constituted and consecrated it in proper form. I was assisted by the following brethren: As G. M., R. W. Bro. Wm. Northwood; as D. G. M., R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee; as G. S. W., R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May; as G. J. W., Bro. Fred. Cook; as G. D. of C., R. W. Bro. John Wilson; as Treasurer U.

D., Bro. R. W. Watchorn; as Secretary, W. Bro. F. A. I. Davis; as Organist, W. Bro. W. J. Johnson; as Chaplain, W. Bro. A. E. Cowan; as G. J. B., W. Bro. J. R. Brownlee; as G. Pur., W. Bro. Duncan Brown; as G. D., W. Bro. John Huckel; as G. D., W. Bro. Fred. A. Henry. On the completion of the ceremony, including the installation, we were hospitably entertained by the brethren. As it is unlikely that I shall have an opportunity of again visiting this fine lodge, it is proper for me to say that in W. Bro. Clark Craig the brethren have a Master well fitted to uphold the dignity of Freemasonry and to enlighten the minds of his brethren, and the lodge will no doubt prove a great benefit to the community of North Gower and a credit to the Craft.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231: On the 16th October, 1906, I paid a visit to this lodge. W. Bro. Duncan Brown conferred the first degree for the first time. Two candidates were initiated, and the W. M. was ably assisted by V. W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, P. M. of the lodge. No complaint can be made as to the management of the work, and the finances were in good order. On the 18th December, 1906, I officially visited this lodge and was cordially received by W. Bro. Duncan Brown, W. M., who conferred the first degree. Forty-eight members of this fine lodge were present, also 50 visitors, including several distinguished brethren, among whom were R. W. Bro. W. Rea, R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw, R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and a number of sitting Masters. W. Bro. J. G. Scott, I. P. M. of the lodge, was presented with a P. M. jewel, which I had the honor of placing upon his breast. The worthy brother replied in a feeling manner, and he is without doubt a favorite with his brethren. V. W. Bro. Campbell's second son was initiated, making the third of the family now in the same lodge. The fourth degree proved a great success.

Russell Lodge, U. D.: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 19th October, accompanied by W. Bro. Walter Rowan, I. P. M., Civil Service Lodge. Raised three brethren to the sublime degree of M. M. The attendance was slim owing to the inclement weather. The W. M. was absent on account of indisposition. I presided myself, and I hope gave the brethren present some useful instruction. This lodge has an indefatigable Secretary in the person of Bro. W. H. Lowrie. This lodge, as is

sufficiently in evidence in the return presented, is prospering greatly. It has a fine new hall and every convenience for the proper carrying out of our ceremonies. W. Bro. Walter Rowan is joining the lodge in order to assist the brethren. It possesses many young members, who are well able to confer degrees as soon as they become qualified. I have therefore to recommend that a charter be granted to them.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122: On the 5th November, 1906, I visited in my official capacity this fine old lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. E. G. Shane, W. M., of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371; W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, of Fidelity Lodge; Bro. John Huckel, of Chaudiere Lodge; Bro. Wm. Grant, of Dalhousie Lodge; Bro. J. C. Campbell and R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, of Renfrew Lodge, P. D. D. G. M. We were introduced by R. W. Bro. David Barr and courteously received by the W M., W. Bro. H. Cox. The second degree was conferred in an unexceptional manner. I found the brethren engaged in one of those acts of grace so characteristic of this fraternity, and I leave them without fear in the hands of their W. M., who is without doubt able and willing to carry out the work of Masonry in strict accordance with our ancient customs. The opening and closing in the three degrees was executed with rigid accuracy and to my entire satisfaction. The Secretary, W. Bro. M. Wc-Kinnon, is a most efficient officer. We passed a pleasant evening (which I shall long remember) with song and speech.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264: On the 27th November, 1906, by invitation of the W. M., W. Bro. Robt. McCracken, I paid an official visit to this lodge, being my first official visit in the city of Ottawa as D. D. G. M. W. Bro. R. McCracken, W. M.; W. Bro. W. G. Wilson, I. P. M.; Bro. R. P. Taylor, S. W.; Bro. L. M. Chitty, J. W., and 49 members signed the register. One hundred and three visitors also signed. Among the latter I may mention the following distinguished brethren: Rev. A. W. Mackay, District Chaplain; M. W. Bro. W. Ross, G. M., Halifax, 215; W. Bro. A. G. Greenfield, Doric Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. A. T. Phillips, Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. A. Ostrum, P. M., Owasco No. 81, Owasco, Mich.; W. Bro. S. B. Sinclair, P. M., Builders Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. W. Rea, P. M., Builders

Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. A. Halliday, Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. McCoy, Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. Duncan Brown, W. M. Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa; M. W. Bro. John Yeo, P. G. M., Chaudiere, P. E. I.; M. W. Bro. John Ellis, P. G. M., St. John, N. B.; W. Bro. H. W. Wilson, P. M. Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, P. D. D. G. M., Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston; W. Bro. E. G. Shane, W. M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. John Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., Prince of Wales, Ottawa; W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, W. M. Doric Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. Walter Rowan, P. M. Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. Stephen, P. D. D. G. M., Doric Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. J. Parrington, P. M. Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. John R. Reid, W. M. Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. John Storr, P. M. Doric Lodge, Ottawa; R. W. Bro. J. M. Lough, P. D. D. G. M., Occasca Lodge, Buckingham; W. Bro. W. B. Grainger, P. M. Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. E. A. Bradshaw, P. M. Builders Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Garrett, P. M. Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, P. M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Ottawa; W. Bro. W. H. Sproule, P. M. Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa. As might be expected in this old and well appointed lodge, the work of opening and closing and the third degree conferred in an almost irreproachable manner, and although the large number of brethren present somewhat incommoded the officers I felt called upon to express my entire satisfaction with the proceedings. The utmost good feeling prevailed, and a choice supper added to the enjoyment of the brethren. Witty speeches were delivered by M. W. Bro. Ross, W. Bro. Reid, Bro. A. W. Mackay, and others. The Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. John Huckel, was presented with a gold locket of chaste design as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the whole of his brethren. At the request of the W. M. I presented this, and did so with more pleasure from the fact that Bro. Huckel is one of my oldest Masonic friends, our acquaintance extending over 38 years. He has my best respect and hearty congratulations. As Secretary of this fine lodge Bro. Thos. Saunders has earned for himself the esteem and applause of the whole of his brethren.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459: Visited officially Cobden Lodge, No. 459, on the 11th December, 1906. Although

I issued a number of invitations I was allowed to go alone. owing, I presume, to the near approach of the holiday season. None of the brethren were able to accompany me. W. Bro. Delahey and Bro. W. Muir introduced me to the W. M., by whom I was kindly received. The opening and closing in the three degrees was done well and the business of election of officers was proceeded with. The candidate was raised to the sublime degree, the work being done by the W. M. and his officers in a manner deserving commendation. The Secretary, Bro. J. Craymer, who I am pleased to say was re-elected, is thoroughly competent and a valuable assistant to the W. M. It was pleasing to me to meet on this occasion Bro. Geo. Ross, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, and Bro. H. H. Brayfield, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg.

Doric Lodge, No. 58: On the 4th of January, 1907, I visited this lodge for the purpose of installation of officers. Again on the 5th April, 1907, my official visit was paid. I was accompanied by a large deputation of the city brethren and others. The whole of the appointments of this lodge, its funds, insurance, etc., are in perfect order, and its business is carried on in strict accordance with the requirement of our constitution. The W. M., W. Bro. R. M. Armstrong, is a young and enthusiastic Mason, and bids fair to become one of the ablest exponents of our ceremonial, and I am satisfied is imbued with the true spirit of Masonry. He is ably supported by his immediate Past Master, W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, and many able and distinguished brethren are members of this lodge. It is therefore hardly necessary for me to say that the work of the evening, which was the exemplification of the first degree, was admirably put on and a most enjoyable evening was spent. At this meeting a matter of great interest to the craft at large was referred to me. It was pointed out that certain waiters employed by the caterer for the banquet were not members of the Order. I immediately ruled that these must be instantly dismissed. I understand, however, that there is some difference of opinion on this subject, but as far as I am personally concerned I am satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Craft that this be rigidly observed in order to preserve that impenetrable veil of secrecy which should surround all our proceedings and which lends so interesting an atmosphere to our communications.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52: Visited this lodge officially on the 5th February, 1907, on the occasion of a military evening and my official visit. W. Bro. R. Reid having given way on this occasion to his military brethren, the several chairs were filled by the following brethren: W. Bro. W. H. Sproule, W. M.; W. Bro. S. M. Rogers, I. P. M.; W. Bro. Jas. Parrington, S. W.; W. Bro. E. J. McCleary, J. .; W. Bro. J. A. Ewart, Treasurer; W. Bro. C. S. Scott, Secretary; W. Bro. L. W. C. Grant, S. D.; W. Bro. H. D. Johnson, J. D.; W. Bro. Rev. A. W. Mackay, Chaplain; W. Bro. M. Cap, Organist; W. Bro. W. G. Dial, D. of C.; W. Bro. A. McColl, Steward; W. Bro. J. D. Denny, Steward; W. Bro. John Carleton, I. G.; W. Bro. John B. Wright, O. G. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the occasion by his presence, also a large number of distinguished brethren, many of them from widely separated parts of the Dominion, amongst who were noticed Senator John V. Ellis, P. G. M., St. John, N. B.; Senator John Yeo, P. G. M., P. E. I.; R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, R. W. Bro. John Wilson, M. W. Bro. William Ross, P. G. M., Halifax; Col. Sam Hughes, Senator J. E. Robertson, P. E. Island, and many others. The occasion proved a most interesting conjunction of two so apparently diverse institutions as those of Masonry and the British Army. and the large attendance of the members and numerous visitors, many of them in military uniform, presented a scene at once delightful and impressive. After the ordinary business of the lodge was completed the candidate was initiated, the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. W. H. Sproule in an absolutely perfect manner, and the whole of the officiating brethren selected for the occasion seconded his efforts in a manner and style of which the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to express his entire approval. I was next called upon to present to W. Bro. C. S. Scott, the retiring Secretary of the lodge, with a magnificent cabinet of silver for long and efficient service, he having been Secretary for 30 years. Bro. Scott has earned the respect and esteem of his brethren. Another pleasing duty fell to my lot, and one that personally gave me great satisfaction, which was to present to the I. P. M., W. Bro. John C. Scott, a Jast Master's jewel. I was able to bear witness to the admirable and dignified manner in which W. Bro. Scott has discharged his duty as a Master in the

Craft and to the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren. The greatest good feeling prevails in this lodge and all its affairs are in excellent shape. When the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall, where a joyous time was experienced. The various speakers vied with each other in expressing the great usefulness of this institution in the outlying parts of this great Dominion in supplying a rallying point for all young Masons, many of them far from their homes, inculcating as it does those great principles and virtues which are alike necessary to form the character of the ideal Mason or the Christian soldier. I have had many opportunities of noticing the work of the W. Master of this lodge, W. Bro. J. R. Reid, and he is in many respects highly qualified as a scholar and a gentleman for his position, and I have no hesitation in saying that his term of office will be advantageous to the lodge.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148: On the 12th March, 1907, I paid my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by a number of brethren of the city lodges and numerous visiting brethren, and also by the Rev. Bro. A. W. MacKay, my District Chaplain. In consequence of the unfortunate illness of the W. M., W. Bro. A. T. Phillips, the chair was occupied by the I. P. M., W. Bro. Walter Rowan, who is without question one of the most able officers I have ever had the pleasure of listening to. The third degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner, rendered more so by the fine musical accompaniment, and the whole of the ceremonial was conducted in a manner calling for my best commendation, and such as indeed I had a right to expect in a lodge possessing so many members of education and ability. A genial fourth degree was then engaged in and song and speech completed a really enjoyable evening.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. John Wilson, Bro. John Huckel and Bro. George Rogers, I paid my official visit to this lodge on the 15th March, 1907. Having been duly received and honored in the usual way I informed the lodge that the M. W. the Grand Master was in waiting, and on his entering the lodge he was duly honored and assumed the chair. The third degree was then exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. O. G. Copeland, and his officers in a manner calling for the highest praise. The books of the Secretary, Bro. J.

P. Millar, Jr., are a model set, being beautifully kept, and the whole of the appointments of the lodge are exceptionally good. Of course in a lodge possessing the advantages of the wide experience, mature judgment and ripe knowledge of the M. W. the Grand Master (who is one of the members), it could not but be that my duties as inspecting officer were of somewhat superfluous character. We had a rare time with our brethren, and I shall never forget my visit to Pembroke lodge.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196: The official visit to this lodge was paid on the 8th April, 1907. I was accompanied by W. Bro. E. G. Shane, I. P. M., Prince of Wales Lodge; W. Bro. Duncan Brown, W. M., Fidelity Lodge, and Bro. John Huckel, of Chaudiere Lodge, all of Ottawa. No less than seven Past Masters were present, also we were honored by the presence of R. W. Bro. J. G. Cranston, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. The W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Steele, presided with great dignity and ability, and is evidently eminently fitted for his high position. The lodge room is provided with every accessory for the exercise of our ancient ceremonies. The second degree was exemplified in fine style, and also the opening and closing in the three degrees. In the person of Bro. John Mattson the lodge possesses a Secretary of great efficiency, and his important duties were performed in a manner rarely equalled. He is the right man in the right place. We met many interesting brethren and passed a very delightful evening.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147: Visited February 1st, 1907. My first visit to the town of Almonte was the occasion of my visit as D. G. D. M. No Ottawa brethren were able to accompany me, although many were invited. Fortunately, however, W. Bro. John C. Scott, I. P. M., of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, happened to be in Almonte on business and was pleased to assist me in my duties. W. Bro. W. H. McCarthy, the W. M., proved to be the right man in the right place, possessing in a high degree those qualities of heart and mind which go to form an ideal Master in Masonry. His reception of myself as representative of the M. W. Grand Master was dignified and courteous, and our relations were of that cordial character which is so pleasing to a visiting officer. Among the visiting brethren I noticed W. Bro. J. C. Scott, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52; W. Bro. W. H. Steele, W. M. Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, and Rev. Bro. Mac-

kay, of the same lodge. Bro. Millar was raised to the third degree and the whole work, including the opening and closing, was done in a manner calling for my sincere approval, and I found all the affairs of the lodge in a most satisfactory condition. Refreshments were served by Bro. McDonell and a pleasant evening was spent in reminiscence and song. I shall long remember Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, and the kindly and courteous Secretary, Bro. N. Washburn, to whom I tender my hearty thanks.

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177: Official visit Friday, 8th March, 1907. On the occasion of my visit to this old and interesting lodge 55 members were present and also about the same number of visitors, amongst whom were M. W. Bro. J. V. Ellis, P. G. M., New Brunswick; M. W. Bro. John Yeo, P. G. M., Prince Edward Island. I was received in the usual courteous manner by W. Bro. F. G. Wait, the W. M. All the officers were present except the Senior Deacon and D. of C. All the proceedings were in the regular order and the business of the lodge is sedulously attended to by the Secretary, W. Bro. H. H. Cairns. The first degree was worked in a precise and careful manner, the W. M. being well supported by his officers. No banquet was held, it being proposed to devote the cost of same to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371: On the 31st May, 1907, I paid my official visit to my own lodge, Prince of Wales, No. 371, Ottawa. Being a charter member, and for many years an officer in the lodge, it is scarcely necessary to say it was a matter of pride and satisfaction to me to have the distinguished honor of representing the Grand Master among my own brethren. With my deputation I was received by the W. M., W. Bro. D. Morgan Jones, with the usual honors. The second degree was exemplified in a correct manner, and the officers, most of them comparatively young men, supported their Master well, and I have sincere pleasure in complimenting the brethren. At this point I wish to observe that I am strongly in favor of continuing the officers (and especially the W. M.) at least two years in the chair. This I think would result in more efficiency and precision. On this occasion it was my pleasing duty to present a Past Master's jewel to the I. P. M., W. Bro. Brownlee, a personal friend of my own, who during his year of office as W. M.

earned the genuine esteem of his brethren. The jewel is a beautiful work of art and was much admired by the brethren. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where an excellent repast was laid out, and song and music lengthened out one of the most enjoyable evenings I have ever known in the city of Ottawa. The whole of the business and accessories of this lodge are in as good order as can be, and everything is in accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodgø.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465: The regular meeting of this lodge falling on the 24th of May this year, my official visit was paid on that day. I was accompanied by W. Bro. J. A. Hocking, P. M. of Doric Lodge, No. 58, and Bro. John Huckel, of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264. Under the able direction of the W. M., W. Bro. G. H. Groves, this lodge is making fine progress. They are comfortably situated in a fine little hall and are adding to their conveniences a nice refreshment room on the same floor. The words of mine can adequately express my satisfaction at observing the fine spirit evinced by the brethren and the admirable manner in which the different officers supported their W. M., whose personality, perfection and fine address marks him out as an ideal Master in the Craft. The ceremony of the second degree, and also the opening and closing were performed in an almost perfect manner, and I was pleased to express my entire approval. We passed a very pleasant evening, although saddened by the remembrance of the recent death of V. W. Bro. G. N. Kidd, P. M. of the lodge, which was feelingly referred to. The lodge is to be congratulated on having an efficient Secretary in the person of Bro. T. E. Argue. It was my pleasing duty to present a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Robert Richardson, I. P. M., to whose zealous efforts and great skill the present efficiency of the lodge is largely due. It has seldom fallen to my lot to discharge a duty which afforded me so much satisfaction. W. Bro. John Argue, the first appointed Past Master of the lodge, was also honored in the same manner. He is evidently a favorite with the brethren.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209: On the 4th June, 1907, I paid my official visit to Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, accompanied by W. Bro. Duncan Brown. Owing to the disarrangement of my dates by a temporary sickness, I was obliged to give the brethren short notice of my visit.

Unfortunately the W. M., W. Bro. David McLaren, was unwell and unable to be present. His place was taken by W. Bro. Alex. Buffam, the efficient Secretary of the lodge. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with and the opening and closing was fairly well done. This lodge appears to be undergoing a period of depression, but a fine brotherly spirit animates the brethren and I am hopeful that the coming year will see an improvement in their prospects. We spent a pleasant evening together.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: My official visit to this lodge was paid on the 10th day of June, 1907, in company with W. Bro. Geo. Shane, P. M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371. Owing to various causes some of the officers of the lodge were absent. I was, however, received by the W. M., W. Bro. J. C. Gourley, in the usual courteous manner and addressed the brethren on matters pertaining to our ceremonies. The opening and closing in the three degrees was efficiently exemplified, and owing to the small number of the brethren present and the absence of a candidate no degree work was done. The lodge is having a hard time, many of the members having left the vicinity, but a fine spirit animates the whole of the brethren and doubtless prosperity will again ensue. The lodge has a competent Secretary in the person of Bro. R. Bannerman, and I am well pleased to have been able to be of some assistance to the brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: I had arranged to visit this lodge on the 8th May, 1907, but owing to an unfortunate fit of sickness which compelled me to keep my bed for some days, I was unable to keep my engagement, much to my disappointment. I was unable to get another date for my visit owing to my numerous engagements and shall be compelled to content myself with an ex officio visit in September next. As will be seen from the returns this lodge is doing an excellent work and all its affairs are in a prosperous state. Possessing as it does so many efficient Past Masters and a faithful and painstaking Secretary, I can safely leave to my successor to report upon this lodge next year. I hope to make the acquaintance of the W. M., W. Bro. J. R. Hamilton, at an early date.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: On the 25th June, 1907, I paid my official visit to this lodge, accom-

panied by a number of the Ottawa brethren. I was received by the W. M., W. Bro. Henry Hutton, in a befitting manner. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner and the lodge is evidently prospering. The evening was very close and warm, yet a large number of brethren were on hand, evincing great interest in the proceedings. The Secretary, W. Bro. C. Saddington, takes great interest in his work and is an able assistant to the W. M., whom I was able to congratulate on the fine personnel of his lodge. All the business of the lodge is now in proper shape and its prospects are good, as will be seen by the returns. We spent a pleasant evening with the brethren of Goodwood.

In presenting my report I beg to thank heartily those brethren who frequently, at much inconvenience to themselves, have honored me with their presence on the occasions of my numerous visits. I have also to acknowledge the kindly advice and instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master and the courteous attention of the M. W. Grand Secretary. I have been fortunate in following several able predecessors, whose close attention to their duty has rendered my task comparatively light. As I have dealt fully with each lodge in my report it is unnecessary for me to add any further remarks except to say I shall relinquish the reins of office with much regret and some relief, and if I have met with some small degree of approval from the brethren of my district I shall feel amply repaid for any trouble I have experienced.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM NORTHWOOD, D. D. G. M..

Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 8th, 1906, to June 8th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem. Degrees		F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Applicants.	Resignations.	Suspensions, &c. &c.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
				Membership.	Degrees.																				
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	227	27	31	24	23						3	11	22	35	161	90	14	877	June 24, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	Hall C.
53	Doric	Ottawa	166	19	31	17	18						3	10	51	27	110	66	11	189	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	168	6	6	6	3						1	11	27	40	00	23	130	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.	
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	117	5	4	4	1						4	13	31	27	144	50	3	31	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Excellent	Yes	Hall C.
126	Pembroke	Pembroke	43	10	5	4	1						4	12	51	25	125	00	28	116	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	Hall C.
147	Massissippi	Almonte	88	1	2	3	3						1	13	18	23	30	00	15	76	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa	150	13	17	12	8						1	16	24	23	40	00	19	142	Feb. 1, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
160	Goodwood	Richmond	75	1	6	4	4						1	12	14	15	229	76	22	141	Jan. 1, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
167	Builders	Ottawa	195	19	8	10	12						3	13	31	20	30	00	3	915	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
195	Mal'waka	Arnprior	168	5	4	4	6						2	9	61	15	50	0	4	168	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	Hall C.
209	Evergreen	Janetown	170	10	11	11	13						1	10	61	36	30	0	4	168	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	Hall C.
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	167	10	11	11	13						2	19	92	24	137	80	41	126	June 25, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	Hall C.
291	Chaudiere	Ottawa	127	8	7	8	7						2	19	41	30	95	00	16	130	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
371	Pr. of Wales	Ottawa	127	4	2	4	5						1	11	11	18	111	11	13	115	Dec. 31, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
431	Bonnechre	Beauville	56	4	2	4	5						1	12	91	22	112	91	22	112	April 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
459	Cobden	Cobden	53	11	11	9	8						1	11	16	25	13	00	3	11	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
465	Carleton	Carp	53	11	11	9	8						1	13	92	23	12	00	3	11	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Hall C.
476	Carinthian	North Gower	54	16	3	17	15						1	13	92	23	12	00	3	6	Jan. 25, '07	Good	Vy Good	Yes	Hall C.
479	Russell	Russell	37	23	21	17	16						1	12	92	15	12	00	2	6	Jan. 25, '07	Good	Vy Good	Yes	Hall C.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 during the past year. I desire to extend to the brethren of the district an expression of my sincere appreciation of the very great honor they conferred upon me in selecting me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master. The office came to me unexpectedly, more particularly as I was not able to attend the communication of Grand Lodge at which my election was held. I have consequently found myself at some disadvantage in not having participated in the advice and instruction usually extended to the newly elected D. D. G. M's by the M. W. Grand Secretary on their installation.

I was installed into office on the 4th September, 1906, in Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, by my dear friend, R. W. Bro. J. W. Morgan, assisted by several P. D. D. G. M's and Past Masters of Shuniah and sister lodges. Bro. Morgan had been for some time in very poor health, and it was feared that he would be too weak and ill to perform the ceremony, but his indomitable will and courage carried him safely through.

During my term of office I have visited each lodge in my district once and regret that I was not able to visit them oftener. Although the number of lodges in the Algoma District is but eight, the distance between them is considerable, and I have travelled over a thousand miles in the performance of my duties. I am pleased to be able to report to you that the condition of Masonry in this district is, on the whole, very satisfactory, and that complete harmony prevails. In every lodge I found an increase in membership, generally in keeping with the growth of the town in which the lodge is situated, and from careful enquiry I am led to believe that the doors of

the lodges have been jealously guarded and only the best possible material allowed to pass inspection.

The aggregate amount paid by the lodges for relief is comparatively small, some lodges not having expended a dollar in relief. I take this, however, rather as an indication of the general prosperity of the district than backwardness of the Craftsmen in responding to appeals upon their charity. To those lodges who have not been called on to expend any sums in local relief I urged that this fact should be to them an especial incentive to contribute liberally to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which so far has not received the support it deserves. One or two lodges have done their duty in regard to this fund, but with the majority the matter has been overlooked or neglected. I found some diversity of opinion existing in some of the lodges in respect to this fund, many of the brethren expressing the opinion that Grand Lodge possessed ample funds for benevolent purposes. I endeavored to disabuse their minds of this idea and urged upon them a more careful perusal of the annual report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, by which means they might become better informed of the large yearly increase in the demands on its benevolence, and that they should regard it as much a privilege as a duty to contribute as largely to the fund as their circumstances may warrant, always remembering that we are but stewards to use aright the opportunities given us, and that the greatest service we can render to the Great Architect and the most grateful return we can make for his bounty is to care for the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren.

Generally the work of the Secretaries has been accurately and intelligently performed, though in some lodges the Secretary has not been as careful as he should in sending notices of meetings to the D. D. G. M. Several of the older lodges are carrying large arrearages of dues, some lodges having from \$400 to over \$800 on their books. This is a blot that should be wiped out with all possible speed, as there is absolutely no excuse for such a condition of things, where all else is prosperous. In such cases I urged upon the brethren in the strongest possible terms that immediate steps should be taken to remedy this evil. Where a brother is able to pay he should be made to do so, or promptly suspended for N. P. D., rather than that a heavy amount of dues should be piled up against

him. The by-laws of most of the lodges provide that when a member is twelve months in arrears for dues that he shall be suspended, and it would be better if this rule were strictly and invariably followed, and the dues of those who are unable to pay, remitted, and the arrears wiped out.

The work throughout the district is remarkably uniform, only one or two lodges being in exception to the general rule, and this owing to their geographical situation and consequent lack of opportunity of intervisiting with other lodges.

The average attendance at lodge meetings has been fairly good, in one lodge it was as high as 50 per cent., while in two lodges it has been hardly satisfactory and the small attendance of Past Masters particularly noticeable.

I had hoped to be able to report an increase in the number of lodges in this district, the brethren residing in Dryden having petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to open a new lodge at that place. The dispensation has been withheld for the present, but as the brethren appear to be very enthusiastic about the matter I have every hope that there will be a good lodge started there in the near future.

A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, has recently commenced the erection of a Masonic Temple, a handsome brick and stone structure of three stories. Early in May the members of this lodge petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of their building with Masonic rites, but he being prevented from attending in person sanctioned the calling of an especial communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the stone and authorized me to act in his place. The special communication was accordingly held on the 20th June, and the stone truly laid in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year but five deaths in our ranks have been reported to me. Granite lodge lost one member and Shuniah lodge five.

VISITS.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances: My first official visit to this lodge was on 12th June. There was a

fair attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened and closed in each of the degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. G. A. Stethem, who also conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner. There is room for some improvement in the work of the junior officers, and I would suggest that a greater number of meetings be held, in order that sufficient time may be devoted to perfecting the work and for the discussion of Masonic matters, other than the regular business of the lodge. Granite lodge is fortunate in having a careful and painstaking Secretary in Bro. F. M. Gibson, whose books are well and neatly kept. The amount of dues in arrears is small, and the financial standing and prospects of the lodge are very good. The S. C. Benevolent Fund has not been neglected, and I am hoping that when the final remittance is made it will be found that the amount is at least equal to \$3 per capita of the average membership for the past three years. It was my good fortune to be the first W. M. of this lodge, and on the occasion of my official visit W. Bro. Stethem addressed me in very complimentary terms (far more flattering than I deserved), and on behalf of my brethren presented me with a handsome present in the shape of a purse of gold, which made me feel ashamed that I had not done more for Masonry in Fort Frances than I have. Of the future of Granite Lodge I have no misgivings.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: I visited this lodge on Monday, June 17th. Owing to the scarcity of hotel accommodation I made my stay at Kenora while visiting the several lodges at this end of the district. On the occasion of my visit to Keewatin the brethren of Kenora, headed by W. Bro. Belyea, kindly provided a gasoline launch and accompanied me on my visit to the sister town. Keewatin lodge has a small but very cosy lodge room, which on this occasion was comfortably filled, there being quite a number of visiting brethren from the adjacent lodges. The F. C. degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. L. D. McCall and his officers in a very creditable manner, and I found little or no occasion for any criticism; indeed, it was perfectly apparent to me that W. Bro. McCall has his whole heart and soul in the work. The books of the lodge appear to be carefully and correctly kept by the Secretary, Bro. A. J. Holmes. The financial standing of the lodge is quite satisfactory, but I was sorry to find that a large number

of the brethren are in arrears for dues, the aggregate amount in arrears being about \$500. I pointed out to the brethren the folly of allowing this condition of things to continue, and urged them to take immediate steps to collect as much of this amount as possible and to write the balance off the books. Several members of the lodge have ceased to reside in the town and do not respond to the Secretary's appeals for payment of dues. The remedy is obvious. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund has not received the consideration of the brethren that it should, and as the lodge has expended nothing at all for relief during the past year I urged that a special effort be made to collect a substantial subscription to this fund.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora: I visited my mother lodge at an emergent meeting on the 18th June. There was a fair attendance, including a number of visiting brethren from Keewatin and Lake of the Woods lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Skinner, has ceased to reside at Kenora, having moved west to Calgary some months ago. His chair was occupied by W. Bro. Belyea, by whom the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. W. Bro. Branchly conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable and impressive manner. The work of the senior and junior officers was smartly and correctly performed. It is many years since I enjoyed an opportunity of visiting my mother lodge, and it afforded me the keenest pleasure to meet with so many familiar faces and to receive such a hearty welcome as I did on this occasion. Bro. S. C. Sharman is a very careful and painstaking Secretary; his notices are regularly sent to me; his books appear to be carefully and correctly kept. The membership of this lodge is steadily increasing, and I have every reason to think that proper care is being exercised in the selection of candidates. Pequonga is fortunate in possessing a goodly number of Past Masters, whose ripe experience and good judgment may be relied upon in every emergency. The lodge has now 130 members, an increase of 19 on the last report. I am hopeful that the few remarks I addressed to the brethren on the subject of the S. C. Benevolent Fund will not have been made in vain.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora: Visited on Wednesday, 19th June. There was a very fair at-

tendance of brethren, including a number of P. D. D. G. M's. Dr. W. J. Chapman is the W. M. of this lodge. His work is correct and impressive. The work of his officers was done with precision and impressiveness; indeed, it was quite a pleasure to me to witness the work of the degree done with so much smoothness. The financial standing and prospects of this lodge are excellent, and the way in which the books are kept is certainly a credit to the Secretary, Bro. G. M. James. It afforded me the greatest pleasure to meet again the Treasurer of this lodge, Bro. R. J. N. Pitcher, who is still an active member in spite of his eighty and odd summers. There has been a healthy growth in this lodge during the past year and the outlook is promising. My visit to this lodge was somewhat hurried, owing to my having to leave town on the 11 o'clock train for Fort William.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: This lodge has commenced the erection of a Masonic Temple, which it is estimated will cost \$30,000. The building will be 50 feet by 80 feet, of solid brick and stone, three stories in height. An especial communication of Grand Lodge was held in the rooms of Royal Lodge at 3 o'clock on the 20th June, for the purpose of laying the corner stone. The M. W. the Grand Master was not able to attend and deputed me to act in his stead. Prior to the ceremony the energetic Master of Fort William Lodge, W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe, on behalf of his lodge, presented me with a handsome silver trowel for use in the ceremony and to be retained by me as a memento of this auspicious occasion. I was fortunate in having the assistance of a large number of distinguished and experienced brethren, including R. W. Bro. Col. S. W. Ray, R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, R. W. Bro. Allan McDougall, V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollingshead, and a host of others too numerous to mention by name. To the building committee, under the able chairmanship of W. Bro. Fred. Symes, great credit is due for the admirable arrangements for the ceremony. R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie was Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and it is needless to say that under his guidance all the details of the ceremony were performed with almost military precision. In the evening I visited Fort William Lodge, Royal Lodge having very kindly loaned their lodge room for the occasion. There was a very large turnout, quite a large number of visiting brethren

from the other lodges being present. I was greatly impressed with the excellent work of W. Bro. Geo. H. Coe and his officers; there was absolutely no room for criticism. This lodge is indeed flourishing; it has now a membership of 145, being an increase of 20 during the past year. The lodge is fortunate in possessing a number of zealous and active Past Masters, to whose untiring efforts must be attributed the successful completion of the plans for the erection of their new Masonic Temple. The books of the lodge show a considerable amount of dues in arrears, a condition entirely unwarranted in such a prosperous city as Fort William, and I strongly urged on the brethren the importance of making a strong effort to erase this stain from the good name of the lodge and of more liberal contributions to the S. C. Benevolent Fund. After the lodge had been closed in the several degrees we adjourned to their banqueting room, where the fourth degree was worked very successfully.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William, was visited on the following evening, Friday, June 21st. There was a good attendance, quite a number of visiting brethren being present. W. Bro. Dr. Deane and his officers exemplified the work in a very creditable manner; a little nervousness was at times apparent, but this simply arose from over-anxiety to do the work well. Although a comparatively young lodge, Royal has now a membership of 84, being an increase of 11 for the past year. The brethren have a very comfortable lodge room, of which they may be justly proud. V. W. Bro. Fred. C. Perry is the energetic Secretary of Royal Lodge. I cannot speak too highly of his kindness and courtesy to me during my stay in Fort William. His books are a pattern of neatness. The financial standing of this lodge is good and its prospects excellent. The arrearages of dues is small, and I trust that the experience of older lodges will not be lost upon the brethren, and that they will not permit the modest sum now outstanding on the books to be materially increased. This lodge has not, so far, contributed as largely as it should to the S. C. Benevolent Fund, but I hope that when the final returns are sent in it will be found that the brethren of Royal Lodge have not neglected their duty in this respect.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this lodge on the festival of St. John, June 24th. This is the

senior Lodge of the district and has a strong membership. Their array of Past Masters and P. D. D. G. M's is quite imposing, and their work is in keeping with their traditions. A true Masonic spirit is abroad amongst the brethren; unity and concord appear to be their watchwords. My reception by this fine old lodge is always of the most cordial nature, and my visit on this occasion was a pleasant one, but unfortunately I was compelled to leave the lodge much earlier than I would have wished. My private affairs demanded my return home at the earliest possible moment. I therefore craved the indulgence of the brethren to enable me to return home on that night's train. This lodge is steadily increasing in membership, which is now 186, an increase for the year of 17. During the past year death has claimed four members of this lodge, Bros. Geo. D. Neely, Coleb H. Shera, Thos. J. Roberts and Wm. Fixter.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River: I visited this lodge on Thursday, 27th June. There was a fair attendance. This lodge has a membership of 69, being an increase of 10 for the year. The financial standing is very good and the prospects equally so. The arrears of dues are rather heavier than they should be, but the Secretary assured me that there would be no difficulty in collecting the bulk of the amount. This lodge has done well by the S. C. Benevolent Fund, and I am assured that the full amount expected from the lodge will be paid in within a few days. W. Bro. D. K. McGregor is the Master of the lodge, and with the assistance of his Wardens, Bros. A. W. Walsh and John Redpath, conferred the F. C. degree upon Bro. Emmet Fairbanks in a careful and impressive manner. The candidate had been carefully prepared and answered the usual questions accurately. Bro. W. E. Cameron is a model Secretary and has his records in excellent order.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren throughout the district for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office, and particularly on the occasion of my visits to the lodges. I shall always cherish in my heart the memory of this, to me, eventful year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHAS. J. HOLLANDS. D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Men's membership.	Degrees Conf'd	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
357	Shualah	Port Arthur	186	17	19	19	6	9	4	6	1	1	4	14	13	23	40	57	50	35	435	67	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Yes	\$300.00
413	Pequongue	Kemora	180	19	16	14	11	4	1	3	1	1	13	7	20	40	35	57	36	435	67	Dec. 27, '06	Good	No	000.00	
415	Fort William	Fort William	145	20	16	14	11	4	1	3	1	1	13	7	20	40	35	57	36	435	67	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	500.00	
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	164	2	8	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	20	22	22	22	500	00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	500.00	
445	L'ke Woods	Kenora	41	10	8	9	6	3	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	20	22	22	22	500	00	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Yes	400.00	
446	Granite	Fort Frances	54	10	6	6	4	7	2	1	1	1	13	6	19	31	18	30	40	25	02	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Yes	400.00	
453	Royal	Fort William	84	11	9	9	7	2	2	3	1	1	13	6	19	31	18	30	40	33	00	Dec. 27, '06	Very Good	Yes	600.00	
461	Ionic	Rainy River	60	10	4	7	9	7	2	3	1	1	14	4	18	27	11	100	00	100	00	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Yes	1150.00	

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report for the past year. A appointed Bro. W. A. Quibell, Chaplain of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, P. M. of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, District Secretary. The services rendered were most acceptable and much appreciated. I issued a circular letter to the lodges, a copy of which is appended, concerning matters requiring attention.

All lodges have been visited once and due enquiry made into the details of the Craft working. The conditions are indeed satisfactory, and while not expecting to find my ideal of a Masonic lodge realized, it was very gratifying to learn that nearly all had attained a fair measure of success, while others had about reached the summit in regard to the distinguishing characteristics. The numerical increase has been exceptionally large, and the assurances given as to the care exercised in receiving petitions leads me to the conclusion that we are building surely, if rapidly, among the young men of this greater Ontario. The uniform cordiality experienced, even among those whom I had not previously known, the expressions of appreciation of courtesies tendered to the visitors when called upon at the usual repast, and the individual testimony of the latter under other circumstances, tend to show that kindness and brotherly love prevails throughout this great district.

On the whole the usages and customs are uniform, and I found few points to which I deemed it necessary to direct attention. The work, with few exceptions, was well done, and while in three lodges I did not witness any, either the W. M. was a P. M. of ability, or the finish of the opening and closing indicated there would not be much room for criticism. The financial standing and

prospects are only marred by the seemingly ever-present arrearages of dues. In three cases this is a serious question, and I would ask my successor to scrutinize the table appended when he will find scope for his best efforts. In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Secretary I particularly asked the Secretaries not to include as arrearages any dues which accrued since June 24, 1906, and while this injunction was repeated I fear from the showing there have been some errors made in compilation.

I desire to call your attention to the great lack of uniformity in the manner of keeping the lodge records. Some of the ruled books, secured from different sources by different lodges, are not of a kind to secure the best results, being too cumbersome, and I am convinced that much improvement is possible here as well as in the forms necessary. It appears to me that Grand Lodge should investigate the matter of the establishment of a modern printing and book-binding plant, from which the lodges could secure all supplies at sufficient advance over cost to make it a source of revenue, besides having everything in proper form as determined by Grand Lodge from time to time. The demands of the four hundred constituent lodges, aside from Grand Lodge, for such supplies must reach large proportions, while the present outlay, judging by the prices paid in some cases, must reach an enormous total yearly. The secretarial and business side has always interested me, and I am led to suggest that much benefit would result if the requirements of the Grand Secretary's office were arranged in concise book form and supplied to the lodges. Permanent Secretaries are certainly desirable, and would be of great assistance in having the demands complied with accurately and promptly, but such is difficult of attainment, and if this provision were effected much confusion and needless correspondence would be avoided. There is also a lack of acquaintance with the decisions of the Grand Masters affecting various points of procedure and interpretation. In the past fifty years these have touched upon a variety of subjects of much interest to the present-day Mason, and while they are invaluable to those whose lodges have observed the injunction to preserve the Proceedings of Grand Lodge only a very few in the jurisdiction can obtain access to such a fund of information. Notwithstanding the new Constitution there appears to me a need

of having these collaborated and distributed to the lodges. Provision could be made for space for the yearly pronouncement, which could be printed separately and sent to the lodges. I have recommended the necessity of attention to the following: Preservation of lodge records out of actual use, by storage in a vault, in sealed packages, of data for historical write-up in the future; securing photographs of P. M's and of buildings in which lodges have met; providing the lodge completely with symbols, ashlars, M. C. pillars, tassels, etc., some of which I found were not in evidence; the necessity of securing dispensations before issuing the summons for divine service, also invitations to at-homes, etc., is not yet understood in some lodges, while others apply to the Grand Secretary direct, without recognizing the D. D. G. M., who, when the summons reaches him is in doubt as to compliance with the formality. I indicated that all such requests should pass through the hands of the D. D. G. M. that he may know what is transpiring, and that the necessary authority has been provided for.

The dispensations granted, also by-laws or amendments submitted, will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

The grim reaper has been among the brethren and has demanded a heavy toll. The following have been reported to me as having answered the last summons here:

Keystone Lodge, No. 412—V. W. Bro. Fred. Rogers, D. C. L., P. G. S., died September 10th; Bro. G. W. Stadly, M. M., August 18th; Bro. H. R. Sanders, M. M., October 7th.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420—Bro. S. M. Smith, February 18th; Bro. James Dick, Chaplain, May 4th.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427—Bro. J. H. Fields, October 16.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462—Bro. Thomas McKee, April 22nd.

Algoma Lodge, No. 469—Bro. G. W. Stadly, August 18th; Bro. Nelson Simpson, September 6th.

VISITS.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405: Visited this, the senior lodge, March 12th. V. W. Bro. Dr. Haentschel presided in the absence of the W. M. Emergent. Attendance small, though composed of every brother there in town except one, who was ill. S. C. B. Fund fully paid up. Dues paid in full to June 24th, 1906. No work.

Opening and closing well done. Appointments and furniture complete. Handsome lodge room and well furnished. Consider it the best in the district. Usages and customs closely observed. Highly gratified at the genuine Masonic spirit shown by the members under conditions which would be discouraging except to those well skilled in the art. The changes in recent years have worked to the disadvantage of the town and Masonry has suffered by the exodus. The results of the splendid work done in the past, and which is being continued under the guidance of V. W. Bro. Haentschel, are apparent in the love of the brethren for their lodge, evidenced by letters from those scattered over the continent. Two members came home from a distance for this event. Sociability a marked feature. Enjoyed every moment with these splendid brethren.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie: Visited December 4th. W. Bro. H. P. Broughton, W. M. Regular. Election of officers. Usual unanimity. Attendance large. Usages and customs closely observed. Joint installation of the officers of this lodge and of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, held December 27th, which was placed under my direction by W. Bro. Broughton and V. W. Bro. Nichols, the honor of which was much appreciated. This event was most enjoyable. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Hearst, Farwell, Browne, and Past Masters of both lodges. Visited May 14th. W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, W. M. Emergent. Work, first degree; rendition and floor work excellent. This is the largest lodge in the district and is doing splendid work, particularly in the very important matter of proper instruction of the brethren as they progress. Addresses on interesting topics are given at regular communications by different P. M's and ceremonial almost entirely confined to emergent communications. Great interest has been the result. The examinations before and after advancement are insisted upon and are not confined to the regular order. W. Bro. Simpson is striking out upon many new lines in order to increase the interest, and is succeeding splendidly in his efforts to attain a higher place for his lodge. Visited June 25th. Past Masters night. Third degree conferred in a very impressive manner by the old guard. R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne presided, with W. Bro. C. A. Leaney as S. W. and V. W. Bro. W. B. Race as J. W.

The work of the Deacons, W. Bros. Thompson and Broughton, was well done. The marked success of this lodge may be attributed to the loyalty and devotion of its Past Masters. During the year the ranks have been reduced by the removal of three who have been most prominent for years past, and the loss will be difficult to overcome—W. Bros. R. Roberts, C. V. Campbell and D. W. Green.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: Visited March 11th. W. Bro. H. Aitchison, W. M. Regular. Attendance fairly large. Work, third degree; impressive in parts; showed lack of finish. Opening and closing also showed necessity of practice and study. Appointments inadequate, and more care might be bestowed upon the appearances. Sociability pronouncedly marked and a good feeling appeared to animate the brethren. I am advised that arrangements have been effected whereby this lodge will occupy large and splendid quarters in the near future; this will create renewed interest and assist materially in placing this lodge in a position becoming its importance. I am convinced that the new blood which is being infused will rapidly give evidence of a splendid growth. It was most encouraging to note the enthusiasm of the young men, some of whom will 'ere long have the responsibility of upholding the dignity and honor of the Craft in this thriving town.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: Visited March 15. W. Bro. Joseph Fowler, W. M. Emergent. Attendance good. S. C. B. Fund fully paid up. Dues well paid up; arrearages almost nil. Work, first degree; well conferred, beyond criticism. Appointments and furniture good. Usages and customs closely followed. Sociability pronounced and of a high order. The spirit of this lodge is excellent and the true Masonic feeling animates the brethren, who gave every evidence of deep interest in all parts of the working. They are indeed fortunate in having as Secretary, Bro. G. A. Montgomery, who is eminently capable for the position and is bestowing much care in all pertaining to this important office. Here also the Past Masters are in evidence, and with such splendid Masons as R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, V. W. Bros. Reid and Dorsett, and W. Bros. Evans and Montgomery, the highest traditions will be upheld. B. Bro. Fowler proved himself an ideal W. M., and I regretted the parting after an enjoyable and interesting evening.

Dyment Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon: Visited June 20. W. Bro. T. E. Williams, W. M. Regular. Accompanied by W. Bro. Simpson, W. M. of Keystone Lodge, No. 412. Attendance small. Work, first degree; rendition fairly done, impressive, but accuracy should be studied: floor work and usages and customs showed lack of practice and supervision by skilled workers. Appointments adequate. Sociability well carried out. This lodge requires greater assistance from the Past Masters and a course of instruction in the Constitution and our usages and customs. There are evidences that this bright town will enter upon a period of prosperity, as extensive operations are nearing completion which will place its future beyond question. The Craft will be benefited correspondingly. The proposal to organize a lodge at Blind River caused some apprehension and an adverse sentiment on account of there being a large number of members residing in the latter town, but all opposition was withdrawn, and at the supper on this occasion, at which several Blind River brethren were present, an exchange of views showed that the proper spirit prevailed.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447: Visited March 14th. W. Bro. Theo. H. Connor, W. M. Emergent. Accompanied by W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, District Secretary. Attendance good. Interest marked. No work. Opening and closing well done. Appointments good. Furniture bright and appearance attractive. Usages and customs observed. Sociability practised in an attractive manner. Owing to delay by train my arrival was much later than anticipated, and the evening's proceedings were interfered with. After closing an enjoyable hour was spent around the tables, when the claims of the S. C. B. Fund were placed before the brethren and much sympathy expressed towards the project. The time was all too short to enable me to become acquainted with the good brethren of this lodge, but I am assured that the traditions of the Craft will be upheld by them.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current: W. Bro. Jos. Ellenton, W. M. Emergent. Attendance small. S. C. B. Fund well supported. No work. Opening and closing fairly done. Appointments and furniture excellently arranged and very attractive. This lodge only requires attention by the Past Masters, as it possesses every essential for success, and while it is financially sound there

is lacking from some cause that enthusiasm which compels success. Dues well paid up, although the arrears are too high for the members involved. I was pleased to find they were possessed of a capable Secretary in W. Bro. G. R. Powell. At their recent election a most enthusiastic Craftsman, W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P. M., was elected W. M., with W. Bro. B. W. Turner as J. W. I am assured this means a revival of interest and that the lodge will enter upon a period of activity under the guidance of the W. brethren named.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard: Visited March 13th. W. Bro. F. W. Haynes, W. M. Emergent. Accompanied by W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, District Secretary, and W. Bro. G. W. Lee, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. Attendance good. Work, second degree; well conferred; floor work exact. Everything about this lodge showed the results of the enthusiastic interest of young men, while those who were no longer young had become infected with the same spirit. Appointments good, but insufficient for a growing lodge. Building inadequate. I have since been asked to complete arrangements for the dedication of the new addition which has been erected since above date, showing the rapidity with which these men of action rise to their needs. The dedication is arranged for July 4th, and I regret my inability to be with them, owing to distance. The usages and customs are well observed. Sociability most pronounced. I was particularly impressed with the thoroughness with which the W. M. and officers, and indeed all the members of this lodge, treated every matter brought before them. The banquet at the Grand Union was a revelation, being the most elaborate met with on my tour of the eastern lodges, and the presentation of the claims of the S. C. B. Fund aroused much interest. I was assured that every dollar expected would be sent to the Grand Secretary before Grand Lodge met, and there were individual assurances of contributions, if needful, to complete the project.

Algoma lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie: Visited December 12th. V. W. Bro. Nichols, W. M. Regular. Election of officers. Proceedings unanimous. The joint installation of W. Bro. T. D. Ross and his officers, with the officers of Keystone Lodge on December 27th was an event of much interest to the brethren. Visited May 29th. W. Bro. Ross, W. M. Emergent. Attend-

ance light. Dues fully paid up. Work in the third degree, which was well done. This lodge is being well looked after, and has attained a position which is satisfactory in point of numbers. Its membership is of good material, and I look for an improvement in the means whereby interest may be created and maintained. I was much pleased at the floor work of the Deacons. Bros. Sweetser and McCallum,, which was most creditable.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472: Visited September 4th. W. Bro. Dr. Jos. Johnson, P. M., W. M. This was the occasion of the constitution and consecration of this lodge. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne, P. G. J. W., and Bro. W. A. Quibell, District Chaplain, whose kindness and valuable assistance made it possible for me to perform the ceremony. Although I had notified the Masters and Past Masters of lodges nearest to this place, as well as several members of Grand Lodge, it was impossible, from various causes, for any of them to attend. R. W. Bro. Browne proved invaluable in every way in making the ceremony as complete as it could be with the assistance available, while Bro. Quibell, with his knowledge of the duties of the Grand Chaplain, rendered his part of the work in a most impressive manner. The W. M. is a most capable and exemplary brother, who is laboring under many disadvantages in building up this lodge, and there need be no doubt as to the success of his efforts when assisted by such workers as Bro. Platt, who is a model Secretary, W. Bro. Fraser and Rev. Bro. Byrnes. On January 25th the lodge and contents were destroyed by fire. The insurance enabled them to resume as soon as quarters could be secured, and latest reports indicate that they are meeting regularly. Dues well paid up. I look for a successful lodge here.

NEW LODGES PROPOSED.

When I assumed office I was confronted with the petition of a large number of brethren residing in Blind River asking for a dispensation for a lodge there. I investigated the matter thoroughly and after much delay received the documents requisite before presentation to the M. W. the Grand Master. Reference of the papers to the Grand Secretary elicited the further requirement of certificates of standing of brethren from foreign jurisdictions. These were asked for at once, but delays in

securing same have prevented further action on my part. From information gleaned through correspondence and personal interviews with the promoters, I am disposed to sympathize with the brethren in the delays which have occurred in the past, but the matter would have gone before the M. W. the Grand Master months ago if the necessary formalities had been complied with. I am convinced that if this petition be granted no mistake will be made, as the lodge will be in competent hands.

In March I received a largely signed petition from the brethren of Cobalt asking that a dispensation be granted for a lodge. I was there on March 14th, and went into the matter thoroughly. Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, gave a hearty, wholesouled recommendation for the new lodge. I requested that certificates of standing of brethren from the jurisdictions of Quebec and Nova Scotia be secured, but so far have not received the same. The position as regards this proposal is somewhat complicated owing to the close proximity of the three towns, Cobalt and New Liskeard 10 miles apart, with the promising town of Haileybury almost midway between them. After due consideration of the conditions I cannot find any good reason why these three towns should not be granted the boon of Masonic privileges, as the brethren are anxious and willing to assume all responsibilities to attain that end. I have no fear of being regarded as over-sanguine in saying that the question of permanency or financial ability of either or all of the points is beyond question.

The brethren of Massey, 58 miles west of Sudbury, 75 miles east of Thessalon, and 25 miles from Little Current (across the North Channel), the nearest existing lodges, and 44 miles east of Blind River (where new lodge is proposed), have prepared a petition for a dispensation, but it is held until certificates of standing, as before explained, are secured. This town is favorably situated, with considerable activity in lumbering and mining operations, but has the added advantage of a large farming community adjacent.

These petitions will doubtless be dealt with by my successor, and I am certain that the claims of promising towns, where the welfare of the Craft will be in safe hands, will receive every consideration at the hands of the M. W. the Grand Master and of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion I desire to express my deep appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the brethren in electing me to this position. I have endeavored to perform the duties proficiently and impartially, and while the performance has fallen far below what I had intended, I know that those who follow me will appreciate the difficulties surrounding the office in a district over 300 miles in length and necessitating over 1,200 miles by train and boat to visit all lodges. I feel amply compensated, however, for the efforts bestowed in a labor of love for the institution, by the brotherly consideration shown to me on all sides. Time cannot efface the recollection of the inspiring intercourse had with my brethren, and the memory of all their kindness shall ever remain with me. My hope is that the coming years may have in store for me many opportunities of assisting them in so laying the lines that "the genuine tenets of our time-honored institution may be transmitted" to our children's children pure and unsullied, and that it may go on to still greater things "until time shall be no more."

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Sept. 1, 1906.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Brethren of
Lodge, No.

Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to address you as the District Deputy Grand Master of Nipissing District, No. 18, and to extend to you one and all heartiest fraternal greetings, with best wishes for a most successful and happy year.

It is my intention to visit each lodge in the district during my term of office, but as some time must elapse before this will be seasonable or advisable, I beg to transmit herein a few thoughts which I trust may be acted upon by you, to the end that our beloved Order may be strengthened by unity of action and that this district may attain a standing second to none in the province.

1. The one object above all which appeals to me most and which should receive first attention is the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

This most deserving object is one which it must indeed be difficult to pass over if disposed to disregard its claims from any reason whatever.

From the strictly business side this must at once be apparent to the business man who scans the report of the Sub-Committee on Benevolence, wherein it is shown that during the year just ended the claims of the sick and needy have caused an impairment of capital account, that Grand Lodge is carrying on this work (not hers originally, but by reason of circumstances well known to many) which properly belongs to the lodges, that the demands upon the resources, if not augmented by such a fund, must be met by the lodges, and while in these northern districts, where our membership is principally composed of young men, we have been almost free from the cry of the distressed, yet the time will most assuredly come when we will be compelled to act along the lines of perhaps almost forgotten promises. It is gratifying to find that many of the brethren have "embraced the opportunity" of responding to the appeal for funds, and that from the new lodges there has been much for the older lodges to emulate.

I trust that each brother will interest himself if possible more than ever before in this project, that the name of this Grand Lodge be not set forth to the Masonic world as the one which failed in her duty to the afflicted within her borders. It may be yours or mine next, for aught we know, therefore let us not neglect this pressing need for the benefit of those whose burden we should bear. The lodges having committed Grand Lodge to this scheme are responsible for seeing that their liability is covered by cash collections aggregating at least three dollars per member, and the transmission of the same to the M. W. Grand Secretary before May 31, 1907.

I shall be glad to hear from each lodge on the enclosed blank, as to the standing of each at June 24th, 1906, together with any information which bears on the subject. It is quite evident from the reports of workers that a personal canvass of the membership available, and personal written letters to absentees, is the most satisfactory means of attaining our object.

2. The non-affiliated brethren in our midst is another matter of great importance to which I would ask your earnest attention. In several instances in my own experience I have found that a little interest in these, when desirable, has brought about very satisfactory results.

3. The matter of increasing the membership is one

about which much has been said and written, but I am disposed to consider this as far from being the pressing need of our time. The annual reports show a considerable increase in our numbers, but is there the attention given to properly instructing those already with us, nominally, in all the beautiful lessons taught by the symbolism of Freemasonry?

I fear that the answer to the question must be in the negative. Those who are intrusted with the work on boards of trial will support this contention, as a general finding, and if the membership is not well instructed in that matter, how unlikely are they to know that which means so very much more?

There are enthusiastic, well posted and competent brethren in every lodge who, if encouraged, would gladly present addresses or give talks on the different subjects in a most entertaining manner, which would certainly create an interest of a permanent character not otherwise obtainable.

I would suggest, nay urge strongly, that the Worshipful Masters take up this matter energetically in preparation for the winter communications.

Along this line I cannot too strongly recommend the advantages of the Masonic periodicals, of which there are several excellent ones published in Toronto and elsewhere. These contain well written articles on Craft topics which every member should be in touch with, and without which he cannot well make that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge enjoined upon us. In addition to such matter these publications contain interesting items of news of the Masonic world, which enables the reader to see what his brethren are doing at home and abroad for the up-building of the Royal Art. Members will find these of service for reference purposes, beyond their value as above, while lodges at a very small outlay could have them in ante-room or lodge in neat binders for the use of all, and for preservation with their records for future generations.

4. I cannot too strongly impress upon you the great necessity of closely guarding the portals. Do not permit any laxity to creep in, whereby the quality is made to give place to quantity.

5. I am especially enjoined to again call your attention to the circular letters issued by the Grand Master, Most

Worshipful Bro. Burritt, last year, and to indicate that strict observance will be expected. The subjects referred to were as follows:

Grouping of candidates.

Illegal regalia.

Illegality of conferring degrees in any but proper lodge rooms, with the Warrant present.

Grand Honors.

6. The attention of the Worshipful Masters is called to the duties of the examining boards as set forth in clauses Nos. 147 and 149, and they are particularly enjoined to see that the provisions are strictly observed, that no person may be presented for the Master's Chair who is unable to confer the whole work before being installed.

7. It may be that some lodges have on hand copies of old issues of the Book of Constitution. These should not be issued to members, but the new edition of 1905 given them for their guidance. It would be well to preserve a copy of the old issues for record purposes only, and destroy the balance.

8. In calculating the arrearages of dues for the half-yearly reports, it is desired that the dues for the current Masonic year be not included in such total.

9. In those lodges where the reading of the following has not become a feature, I would urge that the same be commenced, and that in each lodge they be read at once yearly. I refer to the Ancient Charges, Lodge By-laws, the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, with special reference to the address of the Grand Master, Report of D. D. G. M., reports of the Sub-Committees on Condition of Masonry, Benevolence and Fraternal Dead.

10. I find that some lodges are not observing clause No. 164, as I have not yet received summonses of their communications. Kindly have this omission supplied, and where such have been missed be good enough to send those in arrears. This is applicable to clause No. 243, requiring that notice shall be sent me where lodges attend funerals or other public functions.

11. In some summonses received I find the constitutional requirements lacking, the age, occupation or place of residence having been omitted.

12. Where functions are in contemplation please note that application for the dispensation must be made and the same received before arrangements can be proceeded with.

13. In the matter of the form of the petition for initiation. If any lodge has not noted the requirements of the form as set forth in Section No. 188, where the time of residence is specified, it will be necessary that new forms be put in use without delay.

14. I have appointed W. Bro. C. V. Campbell, a Past Master of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, as District Secretary, and Bro. W. A. Quibell, Chaplain of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie, as District Chaplain.

Communications addressed to W. Bro. Campbell, Box No. 551, will receive prompt attention.

With hearty good wishes and kind regards, believe me, yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. B. WAY, D. D. G. M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit this supplemental report on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which shows in detail in the appended statement the standing of each lodge in this district. Based upon the membership, as reported to Grand Lodge in 1904, the amount due from this district is \$2,442.00, of which \$1,751.50 has been remitted, but this amount includes \$25.00 overpaid by two lodges, viz.: Nickel, No. 427, of Sudbury, and Temiskaming, No. 462, \$8.00 and \$17.00 respectively. Of this amount paid \$569.00 has been remitted this year, leaving a net balance due of \$690.00. It is possible that this may be changed for the better on account of two lodges not having given me the statement requested. In three lodges, with a balance showing as due, the contention is made that some members have remitted to other lodges of which they are members, thus leaving a deficit, but in my opinion the dual membership brings dual responsibilities, and they should view this most deserving project with compassion and liberality. I sincerely regret that I am unable to show a clear sheet at this time, and it is not due in any

manner to lack of energetic action on my part, for the claims of the scheme have been advocated on all occasions. I trust that the brethren may be enabled to wipe out the comparatively small balances due from the lodges in arrears and establish the claims asserted at some time in the career of each one that he would do such as this.

STATEMENT OF STANDING OF LODGES IN 18TH DISTRICT,
SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND,

For year ending July 1st, 1907.

No.	NAME.	Members on Roll, 1904.	Amount due @ \$3 per capita.	Amount paid up to 1906.	Paid in 1907.	Total paid.	Overpaid.	Balance due.
405	Mattawa	90	\$270 00	\$254 00	\$.....	\$254 00	\$.....	\$ 16 00
412	Keystone	196	588 00	179 00	30 00	479 00	.....	109 00
420	Nipissing	110	330 00	151 50	.....	151 50	.....	178 50
427	Nickel.....	128	378 00	340 00	46 00	386 00	8 00	.....
442	Dymont.....	74	222 00	90 00	64 00	84 00	.....	138 00
447	Sturgeon Falls.	51	153 00	17 00	.....	17 00	.....	136 00
455	Doric	65	195 00	135 00	12 00	147 00	.....	48 00
462	Temiskaming...	23	69 00	4 00	52 00	56 00	17 00	.....
469	Algoma.....	64	192 00	49 00	65 00	114 00	.....	78 00
472	Gore Bay.....	15	45 00	33 00	.....	33 00	.....	12 00
		814	\$2442 00	\$1182 50	\$569 00	\$1751 50	\$25 00	\$715 50

Fraternally submitted.

J. B. WAY, D. D. G. M.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 31st, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		F. A.		F. O.		M. M.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. O.	M. M.	Total.	Regular.							Emergent.												
405	Wattawa	Wattawa	86	...	...	3	4	5	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	111	1	119	9	\$43 56	33	\$ 85 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 600 00
412	Keystone	S. E. Marie	348 11	16	15	14	5	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	9	13	24	37	25	235 00	60	163 40	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
420	Nipissing	North Bay	133 15	12	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	13	12	25	30	106 45	5	81 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury	154 12	12	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	13	6	19	31	90 00	5	135 00	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	300 00
442	Dymont	Thessalon	78 1	7	6	4	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	11	10	21	14	...	4	...	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
447	Sargo Falls	Sturgeon Falls	69 5	5	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	9	1	10	9	...	10	50 25	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	800 00
465	Doré	Little Current	67 4	23	14	10	7	3	9	13	20	33	21	...	32	360 00	Jan. 21, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	2500 00
469	Femiasing	New Liskeard	80 29	6	6	0	1	3	2	13	8	21	7	120 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Joint
472	Algoma	S. E. Marie	78 3	10	6	2	1	1	11	3	14	20	5 00	1	4 50	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
	Gore Hay	Gore Hay	43 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NO. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year, and in doing so I feel it my duty first to thank the brethren for the high honor conferred in selecting me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M. and also to express to them my appreciation of the cordial treatment extended to me whilst paying my official visits, a flattering reception being accorded in every case. During my term of office I visited all the lodges in the district once officially, besides making several fraternal visits.

I have found the various lodges enthusiastic in the work of the Craft. It has been a continual delight to me to see how familiar the brethren are with the work. Good feeling prevails. The brethren are seeking for the best and are glad to receive any suggestions that promise a better practice of the Masonic art. There is still room for growth even in our most privileged lodges.

I have endeavored to keep the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund prominently before the various lodges. These are the days of full harvest and growth in the financial wealth of the country. Of these advantages the brethren have their full share, and it is their plain duty to provide for the needy widows and orphans of deserving brethren. In this connection I wish to say that I notice a tendency—due to the spirit of the times—towards increased expenditure in the social side of Masonry, without any corresponding increase in the direction of charity. While fully alive to the importance of maintaining the social side, let us not forget that charity is the main advertisement we are holding out to the public and we should not travel under false colors.

On entering upon my duties my first official act was to appoint W. Bro. F. P. Warne, of Muskoka Lodge, No.

360, District Secretary, and I wish to extend to him my sincere thanks for his very able and beneficial services. He attended me upon all my official visits except one, and only important private business prevented him from being with me upon that occasion.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of the death of Bro. D. Macfarlane, of Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting February 11th, 1907. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge besides a number of visitors, including the principal officers of my lodge, Muskoka, No. 360, Bracebridge. The work of the evening consisted of two passings and one raising. The W. M., R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee, assisted by W. Bros. F. Hornsby and J. H. Elliott, P. M's, and the subordinate officers of the lodge, conferred the degrees in a most credible and efficient manner. The Wardens' lectures were given perfectly and the floor work was excellent. The furniture of the lodge is new and up to date, and all the appointments are excellent. One rather unique feature of the occasion was the presence of the W. M. and Wardens of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, who had all previously been members of Golden Rule Lodge, and to mark the circumstance the W. M. of Golden Rule Lodge invited them to assume the chairs and close the lodge.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: I visited this lodge officially on their regular night of meeting, February 13th, 1907. There was a very good attendance. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, the officers are capable and performed the work of the several degrees in a most efficient manner. The W. M., W. Bro. John McLeod, is ably assisted by a large number of P. M's, including R. W. Bro. J. N. Shearer, whose presence insures proficiency in the work and close adherence to the ancient landmarks. The books are fairly well kept, the finances are in a healthy condition, and a spirit of peace and harmony pervades the lodge.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burke's Falls: I visited this lodge officially on their regular night of meeting, March

4th, 1907. This lodge, under the able management of its W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Harris, is rapidly recovering from the heavy loss it sustained two years ago by fire, in which they lost all their furniture and appointments, and had no insurance. Their meetings are still held in the Court House, but they hope to secure more comfortable quarters in the near future. I had the privilege of witnessing the third degree conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Harris, assisted by W. Bro. Hilliar and R. W. Bro. Barber. The work was well exemplified. W. Bro. Sturgeon, who has for several years so faithfully attended to the duties as Secretary, having moved away, the new Secretary is not conversant with his duties, so that the work is thrown a good deal upon the W. M. Although the lodge is still considerably behind financially, the members are full of zeal, and hope, by rigid economy, to be able in a short time to wipe out their indebtedness.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I made my official visit to this lodge at the regular meeting on the evening of March 5th, 1907. There was a fair attendance considering the distance many of the brethren reside from the lodge room. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. John McLeod, W. M., and W. Bros. Grant and Fisher, P. M's, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. We had a very pleasant meeting. The work consisted of three thirds, which were conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Metcalfe, assisted by W. Bros. McLeod, Fisher and Grant, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. The work was exceptionally well done, all the officers contributing their share to make it almost perfect. The books are fairly well kept and the finances are in good condition, and the prospects for the future are fair.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan: I made my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting held on the evening of March 6th, 1907. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. The work of the evening consisted of one first and opening and closing in the second and third. W. Bro. Wm. Carmichael occupied the chair and performed the work with accuracy and skill. The brethren of Powassan lodge are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they have fitted up their lodge room. The Secretary's books are fairly well kept, and I am led to believe that the prospects of the lodge are much better now than they have been for some time.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: I made my official visit to this lodge on March 18th, 1907, their regular night of meeting. I was accompanied by P. M's W. Bros. Fisher and Grant, of Unity Lodge, Huntsville, and W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M. of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, was also present. The work of the evening consisted of three thirds. The work was well exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Cook, in which he was ably assisted by W. Bro. A. T. French and R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, my immediate predecessor, and P. M's W. Bros. Fisher and Grant, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. The lodge room is nicely fitted up, the books are fairly well kept, the lodge is out of debt, and prospects of the lodge are good.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 20th of March, 1907. I received a very cordial and hearty reception and spent a very pleasant evening. The only work was one initiation, and when I say that the work was well done it is nothing but what would be expected, as the W. M. of the lodge is R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, and he was assisted by R. W. Bro. Knifton and V. W. Bro. W. E. Foote. Granite lodge is the oldest and most prosperous lodge in the district. They own the building in which their lodge room is situated and derive a large revenue from the rentals of the other portions of the building, and as it is situated in the flourishing town of Parry Sound the future prospects of the lodge are certainly bright.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, April 4th, 1907. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee, W. M. of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. He was accompanied by P. M. W. Bro. Hornsby, the two Wardens and several brethren of his lodge. We had a very enjoyable evening. There was not much work. The W. M., W. Bro. Fred. Johnston, conferred the first degree on a very bright candidate in a creditable manner. As this is my own lodge, of which I am a regular attendant, I have frequent opportunities to judge the work done and consider that it is second to none in the district. R. W. Bro. R. Mills as Secretary is a guarantee that the books are kept in a proper manner. This com-

pleted my round of official visits, and in conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been a very pleasant one, and I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the very kind manner in which they treated me at all my official visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES WHITTEN, D. D. G. M.,
Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 19, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's conf'd			Total No. of all Mem.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 18 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
							E. A.	F. C.	M. M.													
368	Granite	Parry Sound	73	6	...	...	5	5	3	1	...	11	213	20	\$18 20	14	\$ 36 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	\$300 00
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	106	12	...	...	9	10	9	2	...	1 12	416	58	7 00	...	...	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	8	7	...	...	13	19	11	1	...	1 12	417	97	93 00	3	29 25	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
409	Gol'n Rule	Gravenhurst	64	3	...	...	8	6	6	...	...	13	13	15	...	19	75 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
483	Strong	Sundridge	59	10	...	...	4	10	6	4	...	13	13	8	5 00	18	145 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
434	Algonquin	Elmdale	53	6	...	...	5	5	4	...	...	1 10	11	15	5 00	...	...	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
413	Powassan	Powassan	58	9	...	...	6	5	4	...	...	2 13	619	14	95 00	...	...	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	58	9	...	...	6	9	5	7	...	2 13	619	14	95 00	...	...	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	100 00

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my official report for Otonabee District No. 20. I take this opportunity to thank the representatives of the district for the great honor conferred on me in my election to the position of D. D. G. M. and for the uniform courtesy extended to me by the brethren of the various lodges at my official visits. I am pleased to be enabled to report that Masonry is flourishing in the district, that the best of harmony prevails in all the lodges, the work is being exemplified with most gratifying uniformity, and the arrearage of dues has been greatly lessened. I have officially visited each lodge in the district at least once, and have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the necessity of making a more energetic effort on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund. Two dispensations were issued to attend divine service, one to Norwood Lodge and one to Hope Lodge. Ten deaths have been reported to me.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: This is my home lodge, and I attend the meetings regularly. I paid my official visit on St. John's night, December 27, 1906, and installed the officers for the ensuing Masonic year. The newly installed W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle, and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in an exceedingly creditable manner. The handsomely furnished lodge rooms were nearly filled to their capacity by the members and visitors, resulting in a very enjoyable occasion. Everything in connection with this lodge is in good condition, harmony prevails, and the finances are on a solid basis.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: On January 24th, 1907, I visited this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson. The attendance was good. - W. Bro. Burnham, W. M., assisted by R. W. Bro. Smith, conferred the third degree on a candidate. The work

was exemplified most impressively and correctly. The officers were all new in their positions, yet they all performed their duties exceedingly well. The books are well kept, and the finances are in a healthy condition. The lodge is prosperous.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock: Having received a special invitation from the W. M., W. Bro. Kniewasser, I visited this lodge officially on January 25, 1907, and installed the officers. There was a large attendance of the members, who are most enthusiastic, and I predict a successful future for this lodge. The newly installed W. M., W. Bro. Pacey, assisted by P. M. Dorricott, initiated a candidate, and the work was well done. The books are well and neatly kept by the efficient Secretary, Bro. Patterson.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: I visited this lodge officially at their regular meeting on February 27. The attendance was good, the lodge room being comfortably filled. The W. M., W. Bro. Harper, exemplified the work in the third degree very efficiently, all the officers being well up in their work. The Secretary, Bro. MacLennan has his books in exceptionally good shape, special features being the roll call and history of the lodge, as compiled by him. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been fully paid up by this lodge. The lodge room is neat and cosy, and the prospect is good.

On February 28th, 1907, I visited Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene. The attendance was small, but enthusiastic. W. Bro. McNeal, a veteran Past Master of the lodge, and one who takes a great interest in its welfare, conferred on a candidate the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and the work was very creditably done, all the officers being well up in their work. This lodge is financially sound, and the books are in good shape. The records of the amounts paid into the Semi-Centennial Relief Fund have been lost, but the lodge promised to take the question up vigorously.

I visited Peterboro Lodge, No. 155, Peterboro, the banner lodge of the district, on March 1st. The attendance was very large, the beautiful lodge rooms being nearly filled to their capacity. Work in the first, second and third degrees was admirably done by the W. M., W. Bro. Jeffries, assisted by an imposing array of well skilled Past Masters. The work as rendered in this lodge is an inspiration and quite beyond criticism. R. W. Bro.

Walkey, the efficient Secretary, keeps the books in thoroughly good shape. The lodge is prosperous, with plenty of work and good material.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: I visited this lodge officially on March 26th, accompanied by 14 brethren from Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville. Although the weather was bad and the roads worse, there was a very good attendance of the members. The W. M., W. Bro. McLeod, conferred the E. A. degree in a very creditable manner, and was ably assisted by the Wardens and officers of the lodge. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle and the officers of Jerusalem lodge in their usual efficient manner. Durham lodge is prosperous and their finances are in good shape.

On April 1st I visited Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omeme. I was received most cordially by the members. The brethren are very enthusiastic in their desire to restore Lorne lodge to its former state of efficiency, and there is good evidence of a decided improvement. The finances are in much better shape, the arrears to Grand Lodge will all be paid up before July, and the prospects are good. Work was exceedingly well done in the second degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Weir, and his officers.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: I visited this lodge officially on April 2nd. The attendance was very good. The E. A. degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. H. G. Fitzgerald, who takes a pride in his work and has it well in hand. He was ably assisted by an efficient staff of officers. A number of well skilled Past Masters take an active interest in the proceedings, consequently the work is exceedingly well and impressively rendered. Everything in connection with this lodge betokens prosperity, harmony, and good Masonic feeling. After closing down the large gathering repaired to the Lakefield House and partook of a superb banquet, and a very pleasant and social time was spent, the brethren dispersing just before the break of day.

On April 5th I visited Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, and was received most cordially by the great assemblage of members and visitors. The finances of the lodge are on a good sound basis, and the books are accurately and neatly kept by P. M. Thomas H. Bell. The E. A. degree was conferred on two candidates by the W.

M., W. Bro. H. C. Bailey, strongly supported by his regular officers. After calling off to partake of an excellent luncheon the lodge resumed work and the third degree was exemplified in a very able manner by W. Bro. Bailey, assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge. The meeting rooms are both handsome and commodious. Hope Lodge is enjoying great prosperity, with plenty of work and good material.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope: I visited this lodge, the oldest in the district, on April 18th, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, K. C., and the officers of Jerusalem lodge. There was a very large attendance of members, the handsomely furnished rooms being comfortably filled, and the reception was most cordial. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Dr. Bonnycastle and the officers of Jerusalem lodge. A candidate was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W. M. of the lodge, W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, assisted by some of the Past Masters. The work as rendered was faultless, the subordinate officers being especially proficient. R. W. Bro. Evans takes an active interest in the lodge, and R. W. Bro. Robertson is a most efficient Secretary.

I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro, on April 19th. I was accorded a very warm reception by a large number of members and visitors. The work as rendered by the W. M. and officers in the second and third degrees was especially good and as near perfection as possible. W. Bro. Craig is an ideal presiding officer and receives the best of support from his colleagues. Bro. Watt, the Secretary, has his books and the finances in excellent shape. The lodge has been favored with an abundance of work and good material.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: My first official visit to this lodge was made on April 25, 1907. There was a fairly good attendance, and I received a genuine Masonic welcome. Orono lodge is in a good state financially, and the Past Masters are loyal in their attendance at the regular meetings, but there seems to be a scarcity of good material for new membership. The members are enthusiastic, and the Past Masters are well skilled, and I hope for a revival of the busy times which formerly characterized this lodge. W. Bro. Henry opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a correct and business-

like manner. I visited Orono lodge again on June 20th and presided over a joint installation of the officers of the lodge and of Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle. After the work was concluded a very pleasant time was spent by the members and numerous visitors in the exemplification of the 4th degree.

In conclusion allow me to say that, bearing in mind M. W. Bro. Murray's request, I have condensed my report as much as possible. Much more could be said of the kindness and truly Masonic treatment accorded to me by the brethren, and I sincerely hope that my successor may have a similar experience.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. R. BOUNSALL, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 90, from June 24th, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Members	Increase during year	Mem- bership.	Degrees conferred	Attributions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
20	Ontario.	Port Hope	132 19	313	10	8	9	5	1	1	1	1	1	214	82	20	303 00	55	\$286 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes \$1900 00
31	Jernaleen	Rowanville.	91	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	23	70 00	3	15 75	Dec. 26, '06	Good	Good	Yes 1400 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	20	9	2	8	5	6	1	3	3	3	3	10	10	10	3	80 00	Feb'y, 1907	Good	Good	Yes Yes	
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	134	7	6	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	14	94	90 00	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes 2400 00	
14	Hope.	Port Hope	120 18	18	18	16	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	8	24	36	30 00	June, 1906	Good	Good	Yes Yes	
45	J. B. Hall.	Millbrook	56	1	3	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	10	15	30 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Bright	Yes Yes	
185	Peterboro	Peterborough	255 13	310	9	6	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	12	3	15	31	37 25	Dec. 27, '06	Excellent	Good	Yes Yes	
223	Norwood	Norwood	87	9	11	13	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	10	23	23	5 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes 200 00	
233	Clement.	Lakefield	72	7	7	8	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	13	10	13	31	12 00	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes 300 00	
225	Orono	Orono	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	10	5 00	2	12 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes 400 00
374	Keene	Keene	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	105 00	Jan. 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes No	
375	Lorne	Omanee	37	1	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	13	12	105 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes 300 00	
435	Havelock.	Havelock	86	9	9	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	14	16	20 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes Yes	

EASTERN DISTRICT NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Eastern District No. 21. I desire, in the first place, to return thanks to the brethren for unanimously electing me to this honorable position a year ago, and also for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions I have met with them during my term of office, and I sincerely wish that I have been in some measure instrumental in doing some lasting good for our beloved order.

Upon assuming office I appointed W. Bro. Geo. Johnson, of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester, my District Secretary.

Realizing that in the past our District Deputy Grand Masters performed the important duties devolving upon them in a perfunctory manner, I determined to hold a Lodge of Instruction at every visit, and wherein the officers failed to perform their respective duties then and there to instruct and direct them in the proper manner. The wisdom of this act was very manifest, because in nearly every lodge in the district the officers failed to put on the recent work as directed. From this time forward in this district I trust that there will be a uniformity of the work. I also found in every lodge that the forms used for petition of candidates and affiliations were not in accordance with those laid down in the Constitution. I requested these to be immediately amended to conform to those laid down by Grand Lodge. I especially directed the attention of the lodges to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and did not fail to try and impress upon the brethren the duty they owed to Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge in respect to the fund. I would suggest to the lodges in the district the advisability of electing their officers before the meeting of Grand Lodge or immediately thereafter.

At present, being elected and installed in December, I could not officially visit them until March or April, thus making my term for official work very short. I would recommend the election in the month of May.

Masonry throughout the district, with very few exceptions, is in a flourishing condition, and I believe all the lodges will endeavor to comply strictly with the regulations laid down by the Grand Lodge.

Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg: Upon instructions from the Grand Master, on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1906, I had the extreme pleasure of opening under a dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master a new lodge at Williamsburg. This lodge was opened under the most favorable circumstances, with a membership of nineteen, and on the night of opening other applications were received, all of whom, from enquiries which I had made, will make estimable Masons. I am very much indebted to R. W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, P. D. D. G. M., for the able assistance rendered me at the opening ceremony, also to the many brethren present from Chesterville Lodge, Chesterville; Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg; Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois, and to R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P. D. D. G. M., of Farran's Point Lodge, for kindly assistance. Bro. Chas. F. Whitteker, as W. M., will be ably supported by Bro. W. C. Strader as S. W.; Bro. Deeks, J. W., and W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Whitteker, as Secretary, and I trust at the meeting of next Grand Lodge to render such a report that the Grand Lodge will feel justified in granting them their warrant.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: I visited this lodge on the 16th of April, when I was right royally entertained. The brethren have a beautiful lodge room to meet in. The membership is growing rapidly. W. Bros. Simpson, Tiffany, and the other brethren composing the membership are fine men. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the second degree and afterwards opened and closed the lodge in the other degrees in a satisfactory manner. The books are well kept by Bro. Mason, the Secretary, and the finances are good. The usual banquet was held in the Commercial Hotel and was enjoyed by all present.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: Visited here on the evening of the 17th April. There was a good attendance of members present. The candidate for the

third degree not having put in an appearance, the W. M., W. Bro. Arthur N. Cheney and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees fairly well. The brethren have a nice cosy room, well furnished and attractive. Bro. F. B. Bowden, the Secretary, keeps the books well, and the finances are in good shape. The lodge is very prosperous and the officers are anxious to do their parts well. Would advise the brethren in opening and closing in the several degrees to go through all the work, as practice makes perfect. An enjoyable luncheon was served in the dining room in connection with the lodge room.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury: I visited here on the evening of the 18th of April. Quite a number of the brethren were present. W. Bro. Wm. Courtney and his officers have the work up well. Bro. John Sherman, the efficient Secretary, is the right brother in the right place. The books as kept are certainly models, and the finances are first-class. It is a pleasure to meet with these brethren, they are so kind, courteous and manly. Many of them appeared in evening dress and are to be commended for so doing. An enjoyable luncheon followed the work in the lodge.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited this lodge at an emergency meeting held on the evening of the 23rd of May. Was met at the station upon the arrival of the train by W. Bros. Nicholson and Dr. A. F. McLaren, the Master of the lodge. I was entertained at the lovely home of Bro. McLaren and his esteemed lady. The candidate for the evening did not put in an appearance, so the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed in same by Bro. McLaren and his officers in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept and the finances are in a healthy condition. The lodge room is a pretty one, beautifully kept and arranged. Bro. McLaren makes a commanding and efficient presiding Master. I did enjoy myself with these kind brethren. A nice light lunch was provided by them and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. I cannot close this report without publicly thanking W. Bro. Dr. McLaren and his cultured lady for the kind hospitality extended to me.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 19th of April. Upon

arriving at the C. P. R. station I was received by two of the brethren, who kindly accompanied me to my hotel. I was fraternally received by the brethren of the lodge. There was no work, but the W. M., W. Bro. Fraser, and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees in a splendid manner. The lodge room is small, but very neat and beautifully furnished. The Secretary, Bro. John Smith, is the best in the district. His books are elegantly kept, and as may be expected the finances of the lodge are in excellent condition. The officers all have their work well in hand. I was surprised to find all my expenses paid from the time I arrived at the station until I left next morning. Here and at Lancaster were the only places where I was so generously treated. The brethren here are extremely kind and there is nothing too good for the D. D. G. M.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore: Visited this lodge May 13th, at an emergency meeting. The brethren have not a very good lodge room, thus they are laboring under a serious difficulty. There were only a few present. There was a candidate for the second degree, when the W. M., W. Bro. Winters, and his officers exemplified the work and opened and closed in the other degrees fairly well. Bro. S. Shaver is a careful Secretary; the books are well kept and the finances in good condition. Would recommend the brethren to assemble, as near as possible, at the appointed hour. W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Whitteker, now of Williamsburg lodge, was present. He is a general favorite in Avonmore, his former home. Masonry owes a great deal here to our genial and beloved brother.

Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg: Visited this lodge officially May 15th. Was well received. This lodge is working under a dispensation from Grand Lodge, and was instituted on the 30th October, A. D. 1906, starting out with 19 members. The lodge room is small, well situated, neat and beautifully furnished. It certainly reflects great credit on the part of the brethren. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Dr. W. C. Whitteker, who makes an excellent Secretary, and is a remarkably zealous Mason. The work done by the W. M., W. Bro. Chas. F. Whitteker, and his officers was perfect. The greatest harmony now exists between this lodge and Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg. Without excep-

tion the work exemplified by the officers of this lodge was the best in the district. I was simply delighted with the manner in which the brethren, one and all, are taking hold of Masonry in this locality, and I believe in the very near future this lodge will be the best in many respects. At the close of the meeting a sumptuous repast was partaken of in the refreshment room of the lodge and a good sociable time was enjoyed by all present.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: My official visit here was made on the 16th of May. A number of the brethren from Williamsburg Lodge were present and assisted in giving me a right hearty reception. The brethren have a fine lodge room, nicely situated, well furnished, and very suitable. They met on time, as I am informed they usually do. The lodge has a splendid staff of officers, with a number of Past Masters, and is making fine progress this year. Bro. A. W. Massey is an untiring officer as Secretary, and looks well after the duties of his office. The dues are kept well paid up and the finances are in a healthy condition. W. Bro. W. K. Farlinger and his officers are well skilled in the work. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and the lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees very well. As usual at the close a happy hour was spent over a delicious lunch.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited this lodge May 17th, when a goodly number of the brethren were present. The lodge room and furnishings are new and reflect great credit upon the committee in charge. There are seventeen Past Masters. The officers are for the most part young men, and very efficient and of the right stamp, who under the guidance of W. Bro. C. E. Cameron, are building up a successful lodge. Bro. A. B. Carman is an excellent Secretary. The finances are in good shape, dues fairly well paid up. There was no work, but the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees in a fairly good manner. A splendid luncheon closed my delightful visit with the brethren.

Farrans Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville: Visited this lodge May 20th, when there was a very small attendance at the meeting, due to the fact that it was seeding time, and the majority of the brethren are from the rural parts of the community. The W. M. was absent, but the

chair was occupied by W. Bro. D. E. L. Brown, I. P. M. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, P. D. D. G. M., who is a very acceptable Secretary. The lodge room is large, but not well furnished. The brethren are evidently having a hard time of it financially. The candidate for the second degree did not put in an appearance, consequently no degree work. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees fairly well. The usual luncheon followed, in which all heartily joined.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales: Visited this lodge on the evening of May 21st, when there were a number of brethren present. The lodge room is small, but neat and elegantly furnished, and is a model of perfection. The brethren are progressive and enthusiastic Masons, keeping the finances and dues of the lodge in good shape. Every member has paid his \$3.00 to the Semi-Centennial Fund. In the absence of the W. M. the East was taken by W. Bro. O. C. Pitts, I. P. M., who is well skilled in the work, as well as all the other officers. Bro. F. Warren is a splendid Secretary. The candidates did not appear for the degrees, so the lodge opened and closed in the several degrees in a very excellent manner. A swell luncheon was prepared by the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Altogether Wales Lodge is a good example for some other lodges to imitate.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited here May 22nd. There were a great many brethren present. The lodge room is very suitable and furnished in a becoming manner. The second degree was exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. R. J. Webb, and his officers in an almost faultless manner, and the lecture and charge were particularly well rendered by the J. W. and V. W. Bro. John Ridley. The finances, books and records are kept by the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Ridley, in an elegant manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P. D. D. G. M., of this district. The S. D., Bro. A. A. Smith, is a model officer. It certainly was a Masonic treat to see how well he performed his duties. I anticipated an evening of delight and pleasure with so many good and true Masons, and it was fully realized. The luncheon at the close of the work was presided over by W. Bro. Webb in a graceful manner, when a number of toasts were proposed and suitably replied to.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Visited here on the evening of the 27th May at a regular communication. The attendance was very small, scarcely sufficient to form a quorum. This lodge does not seem to prosper as it should, and there seems to be a very apathetic spirit among the members. The W. M. and his officers are too slow in doing the work. There being no candidate for any of the degrees, the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third fairly well. There are a great number of the brethren in arrears with their dues. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. C. F. Robinson, and there is a good balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands, with no liabilities. I was delighted to meet W. Bro. W. H. Moad, who has been a regular attendant at lodge for many years. Masonry in Chesterville owes a great deal to our esteemed brother, and to Bro. Dr. Miles Brown and others, who are the main stay of the lodge. Unless the brethren wake up and take a more lively interest in the work Masonry will soon be *non est*. There seems to be a lack of harmony among the brethren, which is to be regretted.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: I paid my official visit to this, my own lodge, on the evening of June 21st, at a regular communication, when I was cordially received by a large number of the brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Thos. H. Dunn, and his regular officers were in their places, and after the usual business of the evening the first degree was conferred upon a very intelligent candidate. The work done is faultless. The lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees in a perfect manner, which pleased me very much. The Secretary, Bro. Geo. Johnson, keeps his books in a satisfactory shape. Dues are well paid up and all records carefully looked after. The lodge room is possibly the neatest, best furnished, and the most up-to-date in the district. There are a number of Past Masters, most of whom, at an emergency, can assume and perform the duties of any office in the lodge. The success of Henderson lodge, for the most part, is due to Bro. Geo. Johnson, who has acted as Secretary for a number of years. Always present at the meetings, the finances closely guarded, and the membership dues never permitted to fall in arrears for more than a year. The brethren, one and all, appreciate the work so faithfully done by our esteemed brother. This

lodge stands pre-eminently the first, not only in the work but also in conducting social functions. The annual banquet, as well as those upon occasions such as that in honor of the D. D. G. M., are of a high order in menu and toast list. The W, M., W. Bro. Dunn, presided at the banquet held in the Bowen House at the close of the lodge. The usual toasts to the King, Grand Lodge, and the Commercial Interests of the Dominion, were proposed and responded to by a number of the brethren.

In conclusion I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and I sincerely hope that the benefits received have been mutual. I have, to the best of my ability, tried to perform the several duties of my honored office, and if I have failed in carrying out my mission I ask the forgiveness of the brethren, who have shown me so much kindness and consideration.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. S. REVELER, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Eastern District, No. 21, from June 1st, 1906, to June 24th, 1907.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's			Meet- ings held.			Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.								
142	Excelsior.	Morrisburg	83	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	4	\$ 47 50	June 29, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$500 00
418	Marville	Marville	84	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	.....	15	150 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
195	Cornwall	Cornwall	110	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	\$30 00	3	5 50	Dec. 27, '06	Ex. Good	Very Good	Yes	100 00
314	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	66	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10 00	11	31 50	Dec. 29, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
383	Randerson	Windsor	98	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	14	30 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
228	Patterson	Windsor	70	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	.....	10	40 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	.....
432	Avonmore	Avonmore	39	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	.....	13	58 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
449	Alexandra	Alexandria	54	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	27	472 58	Jan. 12, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	.....
186	Planting	Plantagenet	46	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	19	99 00	June 24, '07	Good	Fine	Yes	400 00
454	Wales	Wales	50	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	.....	3	35 00	June 28, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
390	Ches'tville	Ches'tville	75	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	20 00	10	75 00	Dec. 27, '06	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
307	Lancaster	Lancaster	73	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	15 00	19	110 25	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
450	Hawke's Bay	Hawke's Bay	54	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
UD	Windsor	Windsor	20	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
143	Friendly	Iroquois	20	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment, to meet again at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

The representatives of Sister Grand Lodges, whose names are reported in an earlier part of the proceedings, were received and welcomed in suitable words by the M. W. the Grand Master and were accorded Grand Honors.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Warrants, makes the following recommendations:

1. That Warrants be issued to the following lodges: Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton; Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell; Williamsburgh Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburgh, and Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto.

2. That the dispensation granted to Granton Lodge, Granton, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. That with reference to Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft, under dispensation since May, 1906, the Board recommends that owing to the manner in which the minutes have been kept and the present financial position of the lodge as shown by the cash book, the dispensation be continued for another year. The Board desires to impress upon this lodge the necessity of carrying out the requirements of the Constitution and of placing the lodge in a strong position, financially and otherwise, during the coming year, or it will be necessary for the Board, at the next annual communication, to consider the advisability of withdrawing the dispensation, and that the M. W. the Grand Secretary specially call the attention of Bancroft lodge to this clause of the report.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

Ottawa, 16th July, 1907.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report :

1. That they have examined the following accounts, and, finding them correct, recommend the same to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment.

Eastern Canadian Passenger Agent	\$ 8 00
The Copp, Clark Co., Certificates, Warrants, etc. . .	700 00
Spectator Printing Co., contract.	2132 19
The Robert Duncan Co., stationery	53 45
A. C. Turnbull Co.	21 93
G. H. Lanigan	9 00
Thos. French	36 80
Howell Lithographing Co..	36 00
Reid Press	21 00
Atwell Fleming Printing Co...	149 75
Rolph Clark Co..	33 25
Brown Bros Co.	13 00
Adam Cook Co...	4 00
Masonic History Co.	33 00
Spencer Co., London, Eng., for new Grand Lodge Regalia	1467 64
A. M. Cunningham	223 00
Total	<u>\$4,942 01</u>

2. In view of the fact that the contract for the printing of Grand Lodge Proceedings expires in October, 1908, the Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for tenders for the printing of the same, on the specifications adopted by Grand Lodge in 1898 (the same upon which the present contract was awarded) and report to the Board.

3. The Board further recommends that during the interim of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, together with the Grand Secretary, be empowered to award the contract for the printing to the lowest bidder, everything else being equal.

4. The Board will endeavor to place the various reports to Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted.

W. GEO. EAKINS,
Chairman Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have pleasure in reporting that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited to the credit of Grand Lodge in the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

The total receipts have been \$37,359 79

The total expenditures are as follows :

General purposes	\$14,201 72	
Grants for Benevolence.	22,260 00	
Grant to Jamaica sufferers	1,000 00	
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		37,461 72

Leaving a deficit of	\$101 93
to be taken from the General Fund.	

That the total receipts continue to increase, from year to year must be highly gratifying to Grand Lodge, and your Committee have great pleasure in reporting the same, which might also be taken as an indication of the strength and prosperity of the subordinate lodges.

The following securities were held by Grand Lodge on the 31st May, 1907 :

Brockville Debentures, face value, 4 per cent. . . \$	3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value, 6 per cent. . .	7,000 00
Central Canadian Loan & Savings Co., 4½ p. c. . .	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Mortgage Co., 4 per cent.	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . . .	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . . .	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . .	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, 4 per cent. . . .	8,000 00

St. Thomas Debentures, 4 per cent	12,148 50
City of Toronto, 3½ to pay 4 per cent.	4,866 66
Brockville Debentures, face value . . . \$4,832 09	
Purchased to yield 4½ p. c. cost price	4,649 44
Brockville Debentures, face value . . . \$5,000 00	
Purchased to pay 4½ per cent	4,848 75
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	\$109,513 35

Current Account—

Balance Canadian Bank of Commerce,	
May 31st, 1907.	\$5,773 80
Less cheques not presented up to May	
31st, 1907	435 00
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	5,338 80
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	\$114,852 15

The increase to the Semi-Centennial Fund has not been so great this year as we would like to be able to report, and we strongly recommend that the incoming District Deputies be charged with the very great importance of urging the various lodges in their districts to give this worthy fund their unqualified support.

While your committee have pleasure in reporting that the fund has reached the grand total of \$34,948.75 on May 31st, 1907, yet we feel sure that persistent action in behalf of this fund by the District Deputies will result in far larger gain than it has yet experienced.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is invested as follows :

DEBENTURES.

City of Toronto	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock.	4,000 00
City of Ottawa	10,000 00
City of Peterboro	2,000 00
Stock in Hamilton Masonic Hall	100 00
City of St. Catharines, to pay 4½ per cent., cost..	5,201 00
Town of Oshawa, to pay 4½ per cent., cost. . .	5,272 13
Balance at credit of current account in Canadian	
Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1907	2,925 96
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	\$34,499 09

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommends their payment :

Eastern Canadian Passenger Agent	\$ 8 00
Copp, Clark & Co.	700 00
Spectator Printing Co.	2,132 19
Robert Duncan & Co.	53 45
A. C. Turnbull & Co.	21 93
G. H. Lanigan	9 00
Thomas French	36 80
Howell Lithographing Co.	36 00
Reid Press	21 00
Atwell Fleming Co.	149 75
Brown Bros. & Co.	13 00

Rolph Clark Co.	33 25
Adam Cook Co.	4 00
Masonic History Co.	33 00
Spencer Co., London, Eng., for new G. L. regalia.	1,467 64
A. M. Cunningham	223 00

4,942 01

The Board further recommend the payment to R. W. Bro. Nixon for attendance at the Benevolence Committee, \$15.00; also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, auditor fees in full, \$300.00. The Board have inspected the bond of the Grand Secretary, issued by the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, of Baltimore. Same is drawn on a special and approved form for the sum of \$5,000.00, and authorizes the Grand Master for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge in renewing the same. The bond is in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$750.00 per annum be paid to the Inspector of benevolent grants on same terms and conditions as reported in 1905.

In the matter of dispute between the Grand Secretary and Tweed Lodge, No. 239, as to the balance due the general fund by that lodge, the committee recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary to adjust.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Ottawa, Ont., July 15th, 1907.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

I beg to report that I have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer on the general account, and on the Semi-Centennial Fund account, for the year ended May 31st, 1907, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and I hereby certify to their correctness.

I have made monthly reports to the M. W. the Grand Master and to the President of the Board on the receipts of the Grand Secretary and the disposal thereof. All moneys received have been promptly deposited in the bank to the credit of the Grand Treasurer and all payments have been made by cheques signed by the proper officers, viz., the President of the Board, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

An abstract of the receipts and expenditures of Grand Lodge for the year was prepared and certified by me as correct and mailed to each lodge, and to the members of the Board, on June 15th, 1907.

In conjunction with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Company, on June 7th, 1907, and found them complete with all unpaid coupons attached.

The amount of said securities is as follows, and agrees with the Treasurer's balance sheets, viz. :

Grand Lodge General Account. . . .	\$109,513 35
Semi-Centennial Fund Account. . . .	31,573 13

I have examined the Grand Secretary's report as regards statements of receipts and expenditure, also the Grand Treasurer's reports on the general account and on the Semi-Centennial Fund account, and have certified to their correctness.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN, C. A.,
Auditor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence :

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows :

During the year which has lapsed since the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board, made twenty-one interim grants to applicants, amounting to the sum of \$930.00. Two additional applications were received and investigated in which it did not appear that the applicants were in extreme distress, and no interim grants were made in these cases. Three other applications were not acted upon, owing to the fact that further information asked for was not received from the lodges.

The system of making interim grants has again been the means of assisting many brethren and widows in the days of their unforeseen troubles ; its helpfulness is immeasurable by reason of the promptness with which it can be acted upon.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the Grand Lodge cash receipts during the financial year just closed are again in excess of the receipts of the previous year, while the expenditure has decreased, thus enabling the Board to again increase a large number of grants to those beneficiaries whose circumstances appeal with greatest force to our sympathies. The grants recommended by the committee at this meeting are \$4,415.00 in excess of those made last year, while the revenue of Grand Lodge during the year just closed exceeded the revenue of the previous year by nearly \$3,000.00. The whole of the available current funds of Grand Lodge are con-

sequently being utilized for the payment of the grants for benevolence. The Board recommends that the increasing net revenue of Grand Lodge should be largely devoted to the same cause feeling assured from past experience that the measure of comfort which it is our privilege to give to our distressed brethren and their families is of very great service to them and is most warmly appreciated.

The committee has received, at this present meeting of Grand Lodge, 364 applications for relief, 5 of which have been refused, and recommends that the following grants for the current year be made, viz. :

171 Grants through Local Board of Relief	\$8,720 00
193 Grants through lodges	13,540 00
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge :	
Mrs. M. W. Wilson	\$300 00
Mrs. T. D. Harington	300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
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Total amount of grants made at this annual communication	\$23,235 00
Grant made by the Grand Master for sufferers by the earthquake disaster at Jamaica	1,000 00
Interim grants made by the Chairman of the Committee during the past year	930 00
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Total grants for the year	\$25,165 00

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to \$14,500.00.

In accordance with the Rule No. 8 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges must be withheld until proper returns have been received from those lodges, as to the disposal made of last year's grants. The lodges referred to are : Numbers, 32, 38, 48, 68, 81, 87, 99, 104, 114, 120, 141, 153, 165, 166, 169, 185, 216, 222, 224, 243, 262, 282, 295, 303, 306, 314, 348, 356, 377, 388, 396, 401, 409, 425, 436, 437, 447.

It is recommended that investigation be made into the circumstances of such applicants as the Committee on Benevolence may direct, and that the cheques in such cases be withheld pending a favorable report by the inspector.

The Board is of the opinion that the question of utilizing the income derived from the Semi-Centennial Fund investments for the benefit of the most extreme cases of distress among the recipients of Grand Lodge relief should receive the serious consideration of Grand Lodge. The matter will, therefore, be brought before Grand Lodge by the introduction of a resolution and rules for the application of the fund.

It has been a great pleasure to the Board to learn that, on hearing of the distress caused by the earthquake which befel our co-patriots in Jamaica in January last, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master promptly gave instructions that a cheque for \$1,000.00 be forwarded to R. W. Bro. Andrews at

Kingston for the relief of distressed brethren and their families.

It is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness to the G. A. O. T. U. for the prosperity with which He has blessed our Grand Lodge and our Province, thus enabling us to afford relief and consolation to our fellow creatures in the hours of their affliction that this report is

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,

Chairman Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg to report as follows :

1. Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, vs. Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. Invasion of jurisdiction by initiating Bros. McCracken and Crozier.

In the year 1905 W. Bro. Hornsby was Master of Golden Rule Lodge and W. Bro. Burritt was Master of Muskoka Lodge, and owing to the difficulties surrounding the vicinity of Offington, in the Township of Droper, by reason of the irregularities of the highways running through said township, an arrangement of some kind was made between the two Masters that the two lodges mentioned should have concurrent jurisdiction over the territory about Offington, which arrangement has not in any way been formally sanctioned by the respective lodges in session, but was a matter of general knowledge to both. In May last the D. D. G. M. of the district in which the lodges in question are situate, who was a member of Muskoka lodge, obtained information through the notices sent to him as District Deputy that an application had been made by Bro. McCracken, who resided close to Offington, to become a member of Golden Rule Lodge, and through the R. W. brother Muskoka lodge became aware of the facts, and believing that Bro. McCracken was by virtue of his residence within the jurisdiction of Muskoka lodge, the R. W. brother, as a private member of Muskoka lodge, attended the meeting of Golden Rule Lodge, and before Mr. McCracken was balloted for notified W. Bro. McPhee, the then Master of Golden Rule Lodge, who was presiding, that the residence of

Bro. McCracken was within the jurisdiction of Muskoka Lodge, and objected to his application being entertained. But the W. M. submitted the name to ballot, which proving favorable, Bro. McCracken was duly initiated. Muskoka lodge thereupon appealed to Grand Lodge against the said act, complaining that it was an invasion of its territory, and also appealed against an act of Golden Rule Lodge at some former date, four or five years ago, in receiving and initiating into Masonry one Bro. Crozier, who resides in the same vicinity as Bro. McCracken. Having heard the lodges interested by their duly qualified representatives, and the D. D. G. M. of their district, and having inquired into all the facts, we find that the residences of Bros. McCracken and Crozier were clearly within the territory over which Muskoka lodge had jurisdiction, and outside of the territory over which Golden Rule Lodge had jurisdiction, and that there was an invasion of territory by Golden Rule Lodge, over which it had no control. We find also that W. Bro. McPhee did what was complained about, so far as he was concerned, in good faith, believing that the arrangement which had been made between the former W. M's of the two lodges referred to was binding and effective to permit him to do what he did. That the mistake arose by reason of the two W. M's supposing that they could override the Constitution of Grand Lodge by such an arrangement as they entered into, which was clearly unconstitutional, and therefore had no effect, and by their successors in office acting under same. The representatives of Muskoka lodge having stated to your committee that they did not desire any remissions of fees from Golden Rule Lodge by reasons of the wrongful initiation of the brethren referred to, but simply a declaration which would preserve the jurisdiction in the future, your committee contents itself with the findings above made.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414 vs. Archibald Campbell. Application of Pequonga Lodge for the reinstatement of Archibald Campbell, an expelled member.

This is an application by Pequonga Lodge for the restoration of Archibald Campbell, a former member of that lodge, who was expelled on the 4th of March, 1896, for unmasonic conduct. It appearing that no petition has been filed by Archibald Campbell for restoration, as required by the Constitution, and no evidence adduced before your committee to warrant their taking any action, your committee recommend that the request of Pequonga lodge be not complied with, but without prejudice to the said Archibald Campbell, applying in future in proper form for the relief sought.

¹ All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. B. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence :

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, beg leave to report as follows :

1. Notice 1, by M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson.

The subject matter of this notice is exactly the same as the amendments to the Constitution presented at last meeting of Grand Lodge, and on at least one other occasion. This resolution, therefore, comes under clause 45 of the Constitution, and can only be considered upon motion of Grand Lodge carried without debate by two-thirds majority of Grand Lodge.

2. Notice 2, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.

This motion can be properly considered by Grand Lodge.

3. Notice 3, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.

This motion is in effect the same as an amendment to the Constitution presented by the same brother at last annual meeting. The only difference is that the present notice uses the words "Lodges west of Lake Superior." Last year's notice used the words "Algoma District." As there are no lodges in Algoma District, east of Lake Superior, the effect of the present motion is exactly the same as that of last year. Your committee is of opinion that the present notice also comes under clause 45 of the Constitution and should be dealt with as notice No. 1.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry :

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, begs to report as follows :

The Board has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, who

have represented the Grand Master in the 22 districts into which, for convenience of supervision, this Grand Jurisdiction is divided.

From these reports it is learned that there are now on the roll of this Grand Lodge 388 lodges, of which 382 are duly warranted and six are under dispensation.

There have been no erasions or surrender of charters during the year, while on the other hand two new lodges have been established.

The total membership of the craft at the end of 1906-7 was 37,628. During the present year the figures available show about 2,800 initiations, 512 affiliations and 153 restorations, or a gross gain of 3,467. During the same period there have been 593 resignations, 396 suspended for non-payment of dues, and 416 deaths, leaving the net gain in membership for the year to be 2,060.

All the lodges have been visited and inspected with the exception of four. The circumstances which rendered impossible visitation of these four lodges were unavoidable. The information at hand about them shows that they are in a healthy and prosperous condition, so there is no need to single them out for mention.

For some years past the Board has felt it to be a pleasant duty to point out to Grand Lodge the debt of gratitude owed to the brethren who have filled the onerous and responsible positions of District Deputy Grand Masters. Each year their reports have borne evidence of the closeness and intelligence of their supervision, and by them your Board has been able to keep its finger on the pulse of the Craft at large and report its condition to Grand Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters for the past year, your Board is glad to say, have never been excelled for energy, accuracy and good administration. Their reports are veritable mirrors reflecting clearly the condition of all things Masonic in their various districts. When it is borne in mind that their only recompense is the dignity of their office and their consciousness of work well done, they are entitled to be thanked. Therefore, once again the Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the services of these competent officers.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters bear testimony to the splendid efficiency and progress of the Craft; there is a marvellous absence of friction and misunderstanding, and harmony and concord prevail. It is particularly satisfactory to learn that the sharp differences which threatened the usefulness of one of the lodges and caused much anxiety at the meeting of Grand Lodge, has through firmness and tact of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, been blown away like a mist, and the consummation has been perfect reconciliation and added strength.

The numerical growth of the Order has been most satisfactory. The entry upon a Masonic career of 2,800 of the best flower of Ontario's manhood, after being tested as to character and morals, is a matter of pride and congratulation, and strong testimony to the hold that the oldest and best of fraternity societies has upon the youth of Ontario. The landmarks have been carefully observed; no violation of the

Constitution has been reported ; the lodges are active and prosperous, and the face of Masonry is as placid as one of our beautiful lakes on a summer's morn.

The Board still desires to iterate and reiterate as to the necessity for continued care as to the character of those applying for light. Occasionally a lodge exhibits a desire to add largely and quickly to its numbers, but this is to be deprecated. Masonry has never held up numbers as a test of good Masonic progress. The greatest teacher of morality the world has ever known or ever will know has said to His children : "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in their midst." Your Board recommends even increased vigilance in this respect, for it is a solemn and serious responsibility to make any person free of the Craft the world over.

The work is reported to be uniform and intelligently rendered in every district. While this is very satisfactory, your Board observes that a number of Masters are reported as unable to work degrees. This is a reflection on the lodges that elected them. No man who is too careless or too stupid to acquire the work should be allowed to rule a Masonic lodge. The attention of District Deputy Grand Masters is directed to the wisdom of ascertaining that the regular officers are filling the chairs upon occasions of inspection, and should they find an incapable Master the Installing Board should be called to account.

The financial affairs of the lodges are reported to be capably managed and all books of accounts properly kept and duly audited.

The secretarial work is reported, as a rule, to be accurately and intelligently performed. District Deputy Grand Masters comment favorably upon the value of permanent Secretaries, especially where the Secretary is a Past Master, well skilled, taking an interest and pride in the recording of all matters of importance occurring in connection with the lodge. The Board again calls attention to the value of keeping careful records, so that the necessary data may be available when the history of the lodge comes to be written up. Next to the Master the Secretary is the most important officer in the lodge, and the longer a Secretary is in office the more valuable he becomes. He is a reservoir of information upon every subject, and is thus able to assist and advise the Master and aid him to become en rapport with the spirit of the lodge and the state of its affairs.

The Board calls the attention of the D. D. G. M's to the necessity for insisting upon the transmission of statistical statements in time to accompany their reports, so that the Board may have full information from which to evolve the condition of the Craft. In one district no less than seven lodges have failed to forward these statistics in time to accompany the D. D. G. M's reports. This is a neglect that cannot be tolerated. The Board once more urges upon Masters the duty of having both the Secretary and the Treasurer under bonds. The cost to a lodge should be very small. Instances have occurred where a strong lodge has been crippled by neglecting this safe business precaution. Some D. D. G.

M's complain that they are not furnished with notices of meetings. They should be so furnished, and if not the remedy is in their own hands.

The Board regrets to state that little or no effort has been made to reduce the enormous amount of dues in arrears. It is worthy of remark that the large lodges are the most careless in this matter. The explanation is that small lodges cannot afford this careless luxury. They require the money and they get it. If each lodge would have a Committee of Investigation into this matter the Master could deal intelligently with the delinquents.

Last year the Board reported that Lodges of Instruction had been held in five districts. The Board commented upon the neglect to hold them more generally, and pointed out the desire of Grand Lodge with regard to this. This year only four Lodges of Instruction have been held. The Board once more calls attention to this matter and points out that the excuse that the work is well done as a rule does not absolve the D. D. G. M's from carrying out the directions of Grand Lodge. In the districts in which they were held the pleasure and profit derived from them is favorably commented upon by the D. D. G. M's.

The Board regrets that in a few districts only are lodges reported to have attended divine service. This is not as it should be. We cannot too often testify to the fact that Masonry claims the closest alliance to religion. Anything that would weaken our religious standing would give our enemies the opportunity to sneer. The best way to testify our belief in the goodness of Almighty God is by attending some place of worship in a body clothed as Masons to offer up praise and thanksgiving for all His mercies. The Board expresses the opinion that the regular church goer is the most active in good Masonic work. The Board is glad to notice that lectures upon subjects of Masonic history and other interesting topics have been delivered in a number of lodges during the past year.

The reports of the D. D. G. M's show that the claims upon us of the sorrow laden and poverty-stricken have been forcibly put before the lodges by urging upon them the duty of contributing to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The Board finds that there is still great interest manifested in this matter, and expresses the hope that Grand Lodge will extend the time so that the goal aimed at, the raising of \$100,000, may be finally reached.

The Board regrets that the condition of Masonry has suffered by the passing away of a number of active and prominent brethren, some of whom were exemplars of courtesy, true friendship, and an inspiration to those who knew them.

The Board expresses the opinion that D. D. G. M's might well omit from their reports long lists of names of brethren they met at various lodges and confine their remarks to a general statement of the work, conditions and standing of the lodge as a whole. The singling out of officers for mention is calculated to leave a rankling wound. What has to be said might well be said in the lodge to the officers, and not em-

bodied in the history of the craft. The mentioning of the nervousness of this or that officer is quite unnecessary, as the feeling is temporary and will soon pass away. The questions are, does the brother know his work, does he rule well, is the lodge prosperous and harmonious?

The Board notices that several D. D. G. M's refer to musical services, and some are anxious for instruction. The necessity for a deliverance upon this subject has not yet arisen. Music displays so important a part in the praise and worship of God that it would seem to be in keeping with the dignity of the Masonic ritual; that is, if it is made an adjunct and does not dominate the ceremony.

The benevolence of Grand Lodge has been satisfactorily liberal and wisely and generously distributed. While lightening the sorrow and making glad the hearts of those at home, the aim of our Masonic charity has been long enough to reach our afflicted brethren in Jamaica.

The amount expended for benevolence by the Grand Lodge was about \$25,655.00. The amount expended by the private lodge for like purposes was about \$14,500.00.

The total expended for this truly Masonic purpose was nearly forty thousand dollars.

In conclusion, your Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the splendid condition of the Craft, sound growth, good material, absolute harmony and perfect work. Financial prosperity, and above all, loving care for the helpless and the sorrow-laden have been, under the guidance of Almighty God, the characteristics of the Masonry of Ontario during the past year.

Fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,

Chairman of Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, beg to report.

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn,
Good and ill together."

If there be one thing more characteristic than another of human life it is its constant and (very often) unexpected

changes. An old Roman writer quaintly compares it to the clouds in the western sky at evening, ever altering their shapes and colors until they "melt gradually into the grey-ness of the everlasting dark and so are gone." But we as Masons, with the eye of Faith fixed on futurity, with the anchor of Hope holding fast even amid the shifting and treacherous sands, sustained by the greatest of all gifts—Charity, we see, even in its saddest moods, an augury of the changeless life which lies beyond. Our Mosaic pavement is indeed its most fitting emblem, for we may to-day tread the flowery meads of prosperity only to totter to-morrow on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation and adversity. Day-light and dark, storm and sunshine, sorrow and joy, prosperity and adversity, aye, life and death themselves, elbow and jostle closely throughout this brief hour of probation which we call life. Yet, round the pavement, our indented border or skirting points everywhere and unchangingly to the star which gleams in the centre, and the dark places are lightened by the bright and morning Star whose rising brought peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. So, in life, after the breakers comes a quiet harbor; after the storm, a calm; after the brief parting of death, the everlasting reunion of eternity.

And the pavement is a true type and symbol of this, our annual convocation. If the eye brightens at the sight of some well-loved face it quickly dims at the recollection of others which never more shall we behold on earth; if the hand stretches eagerly to meet the answering clasp, it is half withdrawn as one thinks sadly of those who but as yesterday held our own in responsive grasp; if, touched with heaven's own light, the heart beats high and warm in presence of those whom the passing years have ever drawn more closely to us, the shadows of grief quickly deepen as we sadly note the changes wrought by one short year and realize all too keenly the absence of those, very near and dear to us, who have paid the great debt of nature and whose places on earth shall know them no more forever.

We see not the lift of the curtain,
Nor hear the invisible door.
As they pass where life's problems uncertain
Will follow and vex them no more.
We linger and weep at the threshold,
The threshold each mortal must pass,
Then we lay a new wreath down upon it
To mark a fresh sorrow and loss.

And our losses, though not so numerous as usual, will be keenly felt. To the relatives and friends of our deceased brethren we extend our deepest sympathy, and with them mourn a common bereavement.

All heirs to some six feet of sod
Are equal in the earth at last;
All children of the same dear God—
Prove title to our heirship vast
By record of a well filled past.

As each loved name in turn is heard let us who knew and valued them recall the genial smile, the warm handclasp, the wise counsel, the unselfish acts of those who have passed in behind the door that never swings outward, and recalling, emulate and copy all that made them dear, forgetting the faults that were the offspring of our common humanity, and paying to each of them the silent homage of thoughts unspoken, of tears unshed.

R. W. Bro. William Roaf has been a well known and valued member of Grand Lodge for many years, and the hundreds of brethren with whom he was brought in contact as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials will bear willing testimony to his unfailing courtesy, his tireless patience, his unselfish disregard of his own comfort where duty called or a brother's interests were concerned.

Grand Lodge will find it difficult to replace R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar. Always obliging and thoughtful, a warm friend, a fair opponent (never an enemy), always ready to draw from his valuable store of experience in order to help a brother, he was a true Mason. His important and arduous duties as Chairman of the Committee on Printing were always performed to the entire satisfaction of Grand Lodge.

In the death of R. W. Bro. J. W. St. John, in the flower of his age and manhood, Ontario lost one of her distinguished sons, and Grand Lodge a splendid type of Mason. His public career was brilliant, and as Speaker of the House he was respected and beloved equally by the members of both political parties. In Grand Lodge his value was being rapidly recognized and high honors undoubtedly awaited him. In private life he was a pattern worthy of our example, unassuming, kindly, incapable of anything that was not absolutely true, a devoted husband and father, a loyal and generous member of his church; his was a true type of manhood.

In deep solemnity let us breathe the prayer, "Requiescant in pace."

R. W. Bro. R. T. Ramsay, Harmony Lodge, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Pettiford, P.D.D.G.M. Wellington District.

R. W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, P. G. R.

V. W. Bro. Wm. F. McMaster, St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.

V. W. Bro. Fred. Rogers, Keystone Lodge, No. 412.

V. W. Bro. John Hall, King Solomon Lodge.

V. W. Bro. John Dunlop, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55.

V. W. Bro. J. Dawson, Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro.

As we hear of each silver cord being loosened, as each golden bowl is broken, another tie that binds us to "this land of bondage and of change" snaps, and another voice calls in loving warning from the great beyond.

True, it is that the sad reality of the past should teach us many a lesson to-day in the freshness of our sorrow at the loss of our brethren, "hid meantime in death's dateless night." The lessons lie clear before us; it is ours to learn.

Are we jealous of our brother, ever ready to think and speak of him the evil rather than the good? Then let us remember

Life is too short to waste
 For critic peep or cynic bark,
 Quarrel or reprimand,
 'Twill soon be dark ;
 Up ! Mind thine own aim, and
 God speed the mark.

Do we live in the present and to ourselves alone ? The
 message rings clear—

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,
 Where pity dwells the peace of God is there ;
 To worship rightly is to love each other,
 Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Brethren, what of our own lives ? Are they worthy of
 imitation, or has our example lured some brother by a false
 light to the primrose path that ends in shame ? Let us with-
 out delay set our houses in order, so that no bitter regrets
 may cloud the peaceful ending of our life's brief day. It may
 be nearer than we think, whether thou art now "repolic-
 ing in the days of thy youth," or, as is the case with not a few
 of us, you are daily watching the shadows lengthen on the
 pathway to the land of rest. We may erect monuments of
 marble, proud triumphs of the sculptor's skill ; time will but
 bring them back to dust again. One thing survives, grander
 and more enduring than aught that human skill or wealth can
 rear—the willing tribute to the untarnished integrity, the en-
 nobling unselfishness of our lives.

And when the time comes, as come it must to each of us
 (how soon God knows), that we are called to leave our home
 of perishable dust, and stand before the presence of the Great
 Architect Himself, though stripped of all and naked, may we
 be unashamed, and may each be able truthfully to say to the
 poor casket that has confined our soul:

Go to thy resting,
 Poor tenement of clay,
 From all thy pain and weakness
 I gladly haste away.
 But still in faith confiding
 To find thee yet again,
 All glorious and immortal,
 Good-bye till then.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. C. MORGAN,

Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by
 R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal
 Debt be received and adopted.

On motion of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to direct the M. W. the Grand Secretary to convey to the relatives of the deceased brethren referred to in the above report the sympathy of the members of Grand Lodge in their affliction.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn gave notice that at the session of Grand Lodge to-morrow he would move:

That in the opinion of Grand Lodge it is deemed advisable that the income from the investments of the Semi-Centennial Fund should be applied from year to year for the purpose for which the said fund has been raised, viz., the augmentation of the amounts granted by Grand Lodge to those beneficiaries who are most in need of additional assistance, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence, Semi-Centennial Fund:

Rule No. 15. The income from the Semi-Centennial Funds invested and on deposit received on and after 1st June, 1907, shall be available to augment the fund from which the Committee on Benevolence makes the annual grants to the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge, grants made therefrom to be payable in such sums and at such times as the Committee may direct.

Rule No. 16. That the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, may, from any unappropriated residue of said income, make such additional grants as the circumstances call for, in any extreme case which may arise or in any case which may become more urgently needy between meetings of Grand Lodge.

Rule No. 17. That the income from said fund shall be credited to the Revenue Account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and that the grants made and paid shall be charged to the same account, and that the balance, if any, at the close of each year, shall be carried forward to the credit of the Revenue Account for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 18th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10 a. m.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report on Benevolence, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report :

That an application has been received on behalf of the National Sanitarium Association for a grant from Grand Lodge for the endowment of a bed or beds in the Hospital for Consumptives at Gravenhurst either for one or more years or in perpetuity.

The Board recognizes the great need of such institutions and the splendid work which has been done in the past, and is still being done, in the Muskoka Sanitorium, for the relief of patients suffering from the devastating ravages of that dread disease.

The Board feels, however, that Grand Lodge has undertaken the relief of distressed brethren and their families by a system that has proved to be of the greatest possible benefit in the past and is being extended to the full limit of the resources of Grand Lodge, and that under these circumstances the grant must be regretfully refused, while at the same expressing the warmest possible feelings of admiration for the charitable work which is being done by the Sanitarium Association.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report on Benevolence, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report :

That the Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, has carefully examined into the condition of beneficiaries to whom grants have been made at this meeting of Grand Lodge, and recommends that supplementary grants be made from the revenue of the Semi-Centennial Fund to eleven brethren and to nine relatives of deceased brethren, amounting to the sum of \$1,080.00.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report on Benevolence be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, to which was referred the annual address of the M. W. the Grand Master for consideration, beg to report as follows :

The Board desire to congratulate M. W. Bro. Burritt at the close of his two-years' services as ruler of the Craft in the Province of Ontario, upon the able and satisfactory manner in which the duties of his high and important office have been performed by him. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by him in conducting the affairs of Grand Lodge proved an incentive, not only to his representatives in the various districts, but to the officers of Grand Lodge, so that the close of the year exhibits unprecedented prosperity, financially and numerically, thereby enabling not only Grand Lodge but the subordinate bodies to contribute freely and amply to the relief of those who are committed to their care.

The Board heartily concurs in the message of sympathy and the timely aid sent by the Grand Master to the distressed brethren of Kingston, Jamaica, and to the wives and families of the brethren who lost their lives in the terrible earthquake which visited the afflicted city.

The Board concurs in the feeling references made by the Grand Master to the deaths of distinguished brethren, not only in our own but in foreign jurisdictions. The loss to the Grand Lodge in the deaths of R. W. Bros. William Roaf, Hon. J. W. St. John and J. S. Dewar is recognized by every member thereof.

The Board approves of the recommendations and appointments made by the Grand Master of representatives at this and sister Grand Lodges.

The Board heartily endorses the remarks of the Grand Master upon the necessity of holding Lodges of Instruction in all our districts. It is confidently hoped that the wishes of the Grand Master in this respect will receive every attention from the District Deputy Grand Masters of the coming year.

The Board approves of the appointments made by the Grand Master to fill vacancies upon the Board of General Purposes.

It is sincerely hoped that the efforts made by the Grand Master to settle old differences raised in the matter of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, has been crowned with success.

The Board highly approves of the prompt action and successful efforts of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary in bringing about an amendment to the bill to incorporate the Masonic Protective Association of Canada.

The Board gives its approval to the action and recommendations of the Grand Master with reference to the reported action in connection with Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293.

With reference to the reported rulings of the Grand Master during the year, the Board approves of and confirms the following, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

The facts regarding the cases referred to in rulings numbered 10, 11, 12 and 13 are assumed to have been clearly placed before the Grand Master, who no doubt applied to such facts the governing test of this Grand Lodge, viz., "a candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of Grand Lodge and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission is a fit subject to become a Mason." The Board does not see fit to make any further pronouncement thereon.

Regarding question No. 17, the Board views the remarks of the Grand Master as merely suggestive, or advice, which are highly commended. The power of subordinate lodges to elect honorary members and the practise in connection therewith is clearly set out in Section 218 of the Constitution.

The Board congratulates the Grand Master on the satisfactory results of his efforts in connection with the deplorable case of Re Stevenson Lodge, Jones vs. Watson, etc., and extends its best wishes for the success and prosperity of Stevenson and Corinthian Lodges.

The Board gives its hearty approval to the remarks of the Grand Master upon canvassing for office. If the brethren will carefully read this portion of the address and take same to heart not only Grand Lodge but the Craft at large will be greatly benefited. The Board recommends to your consideration the advice given on this subject by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray in 1897, viz., cast your vote against instead of for the candidate who thus improperly approaches you. Again you are asked to listen to the voice of Illinois on the subject: "To receive recognition and promotion in Masonry is an honorable ambition, but to obtain it there is but one Masonic method of electioneering, and that is to dis-

charge whatever duty may be assigned to you with fidelity and the very best of one's ability. In this way he will surely command the respect and good will of his brethren whether they are able to find an official place for him or not."

The Board confidently hope that notwithstanding the Grand Master is closing his tenure of office Grand Lodge may have at all times the benefit and advantage of his ripe experience and valuable co-operation in all matters which may aid in the upbuilding of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master can rest assured that the brethren will not forget the painstaking conscientious efforts put forth by him during the long period of his services in the cause of Masonry, and that he carries with him the love and esteem of all the brethren.

Fraternally submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, in accordance with the notice of motion given yesterday, and

Resolved, That in the opinion of Grand Lodge it is deemed advisable that the income from the investments of the Semi-Centennial Fund should be applied from year to year for the purposes for which the said fund has been raised, viz., the augmentation of the amounts granted by Grand Lodge to those beneficiaries who are most in need of additional assistance, therefore be it

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules on Benevolence :

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Rule No. 15.—The income from the Semi-Centennial Funds invested and on deposit, received on and after 1st June, 1907, shall be available to augment the fund from which the Committee on Benevolence makes the annual grants to the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge, grants made therefrom to be payable in such sums and at such times as the Committee may direct.

Rule No. 16.—That the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, may,

from any unappropriated residue of said income, make such additional grants as the circumstances call for in any extreme case which may arise in any case which may become more urgently needy between meetings of Grand Lodge.

Rule No. 17.—That the income from said fund shall be credited to the Revenue Account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and that the grants made and paid shall be charged to the same account, and that the balance, if any, at the close of each year, shall be carried forward to the credit of the Revenue Account for the ensuing year.

Grand Lodge was called from labor for one hour, at 10 o'clock.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11.45 o'clock a. m.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson be elected the Historian of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Ottawa for their kindness and attention to the members during their stay in the Capital.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the actual expenses of the M. W. the Grand Master be paid.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials for their services.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes:

V. W. Bro. Forgie, Chairman ; W. Bros. Bowlby, Warner, Rowe, Putman, Ghent, Hastings, Houston, Peacock, Miller, Pettit, McLean, Shaver, Ring, Forsythe, Aylesworth, Fenker, Payne, Chamberlain, Coe, Conner, Warren, Reveler, Nichols, Jackson, Jordan, Allan, Parsell, Wedd, Johnston.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

V. W. Bro. J. G. Forgie, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Ottawa, Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. P. A. Sommerville, Hamilton, Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. R. W. Hull, Eglington, Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich, Streetsville, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,
 Bro. William Dalton, Niagara Falls South, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. Frederick Guest, St. Thomas.
 R. W. Bro. George S. May, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. J. Craig Boyd, Sault Ste. Marie.
 R. W. Bro. Albert E. Cooper, London.
 R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Toronto.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.
 R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, Bowmanville.
 R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. Stewart McWhorter, Petrolia.

and for one year in place of R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master,

R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Grimsby.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Revell, Walkerville.	Erie	Dist. No. 1
" A. Thoman, Arkona...	St. Clair	" 2
" E. E. C. Kelmer, Aylmer...	London	" 3
" H. A. L. White, St. Mary's...	South Huron	" 4
" Thomas Brown, Wroxeter...	North Huron	" 5
" George Stewart, Springfield...	Wilson	" 6

R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, Orangeville. . .	Wellington	Dist. No. 7
" Herbert S. Griffin, Hamilton . . .	Hamilton	" 8
" J. W. Bethune, Stayner. . . .	Georgian	" 9
" George H. Pettit, Welland. . . .	Niagara	" 10
" W. H. Shaw, Toronto	Toronto West	" 11
" W. R. Cavell, Toronto	Toronto East	" 11a
" Wm. Williamson, Beaverton . .	Ontario	" 12
" C. A. Lapp, Brighton. . . .	Pr. Edward	" 13
" Geo. S. Johnston, Forfar . . .	Frontenac	" 14
" E. A. Gelger, Brockville. . . .	St. Lawrence	" 15
" R. W. Kenning, Pembroke. . .	Ottawa	" 16
" J. H. Perry, Fort William. . .	Algoma	" 17
" C. W. Hentschell, Halleybury. .	Nipissing	" 18
" J. E. Fisher, Huntsville. . . .	Muskoka	" 19
" Duncan Walker, Peterboro. . .	Otonabee	" 20
" John Smith, Treadwell. . . .	Eastern	" 21

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, Toronto, Grand Senior Deacon.
" James Cheyne, Hamilton, Grand Junior Deacon.
" James A. Smith, London, Grand Supt. of Works.
" Walter Rowan, Ottawa, Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" Thos. H. Spry, Bowmanville, Asst. Grand Secretary.
" Geo. Johnson, Winchester, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Robt. Pye, Thamesville, Grand Sword Bearer.
" F. P. Warne, Bracebridge, Grand Organist.
" Bloss P. Corey, Petrolia, Asst. Grand Organist.
" Richard Roberts, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Pursuivant.
" Kenneth Montgomery, Southampton, Grand Steward.
" G. W. Fluker, Smith's Falls, Grand Steward.
" Alex. McLaren, St. Catharines, Grand Steward.
" John Miller, Owen Sound, Grand Steward.
" F. T. Daville, Aurora, Grand Steward.
" W. B. Dalton, Kingston, Grand Steward.
" J. F. Senn, Abingdon, Grand Steward.
" Walter Renwick, Hespeler, Grand Steward.
" John Marty, M. D., New Hamburg, Grand Steward.
" W. J. Sheppard, Toronto Junction, Grand Steward.
" W. Bellamy, Colborne, Grand Steward.
" R. G. Baird, Oshawa, Grand Steward.
" Wm. Floyd, Fort Frances, Grand Standard Bearer.
" F. H. Down, Woodstock, Grand Standard Bearer.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Niagara Falls was chosen as the meeting place of the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers of the Ballot for their arduous services.

TESTIMONIAL TO GRAND MASTER.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bros. W. R. White, E. T. Malone and J. E. Harding be a committee to procure a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Master.

The M. W. the Grand Master presented to Grand Lodge Bro. John Sweetman, Grand Tyler of Grand Lodge for the past year, this brother having completed 52 years of service as Tyler of the Ottawa lodges, his age being 80 years. Bro. Sweetman briefly but heartily thanked Grand Lodge for the honor done him.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, seconded by W. Bro. Dr. White,

That the Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended by striking out Section 33, page 30, and inserting the following in lieu thereof :

" The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master (who shall be exofficio President of the Board), the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and twenty-one other members being Masters or Past Masters of lodges, and who shall be elected by the several districts at the time of the election of the District Deputy Grand Master, so that

the Board of General Purposes will be represented by a Master or Past Master in each district."

The motion was lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the members of Grand Lodge desire to respectfully protest against the arrangements made by the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association for the visting of the certificates of delegates at the meeting held in Ottawa on July 17th and 18th, 1907, and that it be an instruction to the Grand Secretary to communicate to the officials of that association the very great inconvenience to which Grand Lodge and its members have been put by reason of the delay to the business of Grand Lodge and the personal discomforts of the members, and to ask that some material improvements in the arrangements be made in the future.

(Note.—The secretary of the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association having been communicated with since the meeting of Grand Lodge, expresses regret at any inconvenience and promises to discuss with the Grand Secretary improvements for visting certificates when arrangements are being made for next year's meeting, with the view of removing all cause for complaint.)

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson for his able services in the installation of officers of Grand Lodge.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st
Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
9	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Randall	Sam'l Campbell
5	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday	Oscar W. Daly	G. W. H. Comer
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	A. E. Foxton	Geo. K. Dewey
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Geo. Armstrong	Geo. H. Bull
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m	C. H. Pettit	A. E. Phipps
9	aUnion	Napamoc	F. on or b.f.m	D. A. Vallean	Wm. A. Grange
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m	Hy. Hoffmann	J. Porter
11	aMoira	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m	A. A. Roberts	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	1st Monday	Wm. T. Hands	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Cathar's	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. T. Riddell	A. N. Lindsay
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	Geo. A. Kingston	John Pearson
17	St. John's	Colbourg	Tu. on or b.f.m	John G. Nichols	Robert Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m	Harry U. Tobey	R. H. Hubbs
20	aSt. Johns	London	2nd Tuesday	Hugh McIntosh	M. D. Dawson
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. N. Cheney	F. B. Bowder
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	3d Thursday	Wm. Stinson	John Jennings
23	Richmond	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. A. Lamon	H. A. Nicholls
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m	F. C. Hagar	G. W. Fluker
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Gram Thompson	Jas. G. Shaw
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	A. H. C. Long	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	J. A. Yorick	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m	P. T. Smith	B. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. Drewery	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday	J. J. Lynch	R. S. Cormack
31	aJerusalem	Bowman'sville	W. on or b.f.m	G. C. Bonnycastle	J. S. Moorecraft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	J. G. Witten	W. D. Patterson
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	Chas. Garrow	Jas. H. Tigert
34	aThistle	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. S. French	D. R. Luckham
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	E. S. Baxter	J. W. Shepherd
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	J. B. Coleridge	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	A. E. Bywater	R. H. Spencer
39	aMount Zion	Brooklin	Tu. on or b.f.m	Fred. Richardson	John J. Moore
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	J. W. Bell	W. J. McAllister
41	aSt. George's	Kingville	Th. on or b.f.m	F. J. Voaden	Geo. Rumble
43	aSt. George's	London	1st Thursday	Edward Wyatt	A. Ellis
43	aKing Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	John S. Mackay	A. McGachie
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	Fred. Bond	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	F. J. Colbeck	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	Geo. Musson, jr.	Alex. Gregory
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. N. Gatsfield	Geo. E. White
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. J. Hill	A. H. Watson
50	aConsecon	Consecon	F. on or b.f.m	E. P. Cox	M. D. Arthur
53	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	J. W. G. Roberts	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	Hy. C. Bailey	L. Richardson
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m	G. R. Putnam	G. B. Magee
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	Thos. Montgomery	F. C. Watson
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m	Matth'w Johnson	D. G. Mellraith
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	R. M. Armstrong	H. O. E. Pratt
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	E. E. Linger	Geo. W. Wilson
63	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	R. Z. Gibson	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	J. A. Hamilton	A. T. Hudson
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	J. S. Walker	R. W. Glover
65	aRehoboth	Toronto	1st Thursday	John O'Connor	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m	Alex. McLeod	J. K. Allen
66	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	T. H. Ireland	S. M. Douglas
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	Chas. F. Watt	G. W. Bailey
73	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	M. A. Secord	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	Arch. Willard	A. Carman
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. nearest f.m.	J. S. Beattie	H. H. Throop
75	St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	Geo. W. Grant	John H. Warner
76	aOxford	Woodstock	2d Monday	Harry Sykes	Robt. Anderson
77	aFaithful Breth'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	A. L. Campbell	R. G. Cornell
78	aKing Hiram	Tilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m	C. V. Thompson	A. E. Raynes
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday	T. W. W. Evans	H. E. Watson
81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. E. Bateman	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's	Paris	2nd Tuesday	G. J. Smith	P. Buckley

1907, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1907, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled	Re- stored	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
1	7	8	6	1		3					73	Dec. '06	\$ 50		\$ 48 25
2	16	15	17	4	3	1	2				179	"			164 50
3	11	12	11	10	3	1	4			1	233	"			199 65
4	19	11	9	8	4	7					363	"		\$ 3 00	323 50
5	3	4	3	4	1	1	2				96	Jun1906		50	80 50
6	8	11	14	8	2	4				3	131	Dec. '05			64 50
7	12	12	13	4	3	2	5				126	Jun1906			135 00
8	25	23	25	1	3	2				6	214	Dec. '06		1 25	173 75
9	8	7	6	2	5	1	5			1	102	"			93 50
10											110	Jun1906			71 00
11	8	5	7	1	5	2	1				245	Dec. '06			219 00
12	13	12	11	3		2					107	Jun1906	10 50		62 75
13	9	9	10	2	1	4	4				245	Dec. '06			169 00
14	10	6	6	3	3					1	234	"	3 00		183 75
15	4	4	7	1	2	1					66	"			55 00
16	16	20	18	3	5	9	2				260	"	3 75		205 75
17	1	1	2	3		1					47	Jun1906	2 75		40 50
18	6	4	6	3	6	1	5			2	141	Dec. '06			140 25
19	13	15	13	3	2	5					267	Jun1906			180 00
20	13	11	8	5	1	2				1	132	Dec. '06			92 37
21	20	18	18	6	3	6					387	"			255 13
22	2	2			2	1	1				52	"			31 25
23	14	10	6		5						118	"	1 50		93 25
24	2	3	2	1	2	1				2	79	"		25	52 75
25	4	1	1								90	"	1 50		42 00
26	2	2	2	2							105	"			70 25
27	4	6	4	4	1	3				1	132	Jun1906			100 75
28	14	13	11	1	3						84	Dec. '06	3 00		108 00
29	3	3	3		1					1	66	"	71 00		
30	11	13	12		2	2					129	"			128 25
31	7	11	12		2	1	1			1	112	Jun1906	2 00		114 00
32	4	2	2		1						36	Dec. '06	1 50		26 25
33	17	16	15	5	7	3	9			2	429	"			286 55
34	13	13	9	2	4	2	6				99	"			48 25
35	5	2	2	5	2	1	4			3	131	"	6 00		77 00
36	15	17	12	1	2	1	1			1	156	"			124 00
37	6	4	6			3	4				235	"		2 00	158 75
38	15	16	13	3	3	3	12			2	203	"	3 25		187 00
39	14	12	9	3	4	1	3	1			174	"	1 00		136 00
40	30	24	18	1	3	2	13			6	292	"			225 25
41	9	5	4	1	1	1					128	Jun1906	10 00		96 00
42	3	3	4	1	2						63	Dec. '06	1 00		43 25
43	30	26	24	3		3	3			1	492	Jun1906			174 25
44	2	1	1	1	4					1	41	Dec. '06		2 50	24 25
45						2				2	83	"			43 00
46	7	8	8	1	2	1				2	201	"	6 00		126 75
47	1	3	2		6	1	7			1	35	"			27 25
48	17	12	8	2		3	1				169	"			98 25
49	16	18	18	11	2	4	6			3	385	"			280 75
50	3	2	1		1	1					55	"	16 25		33 50
51	6	6	5	1	2	1	6				159	"			109 00
52	8	10	8	3	7	6	7				203	Jun1906			120 25
53	26	20	26	3	2	5				1	323	Dec. '06			269 00
54	8	6	9	1	1					1	29	"			25 50
55	9	3	1				7				89	"			62 00
56	3	6	7		2		3				63	"		3 00	62 75
57	7	4	8		3						136	Jun1906	3 00		70 50
58	1	1		1	1						74	Dec. '06	15 50		56 50
59	2	3	3			2					85	"			56 50
60	18	14	17	3	8	9	5			2	228	"			231 50
61	18	18	15	4	4	9				3	167	"			147 50
62	19	16	11	4	2		1			1	170	"			158 50
63	11	8	10	4	4					2	166	Dec. '05	6 50		1 00
64	8	3			2						73	Dec. '06	6 00		41 25
65	10	19	19		2	2	1				90	Jun1906	41 75		66 75
66	2	1	3		1	2					64	Dec. '06			55 75

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. o Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. a.f.m.....	J. H. Argue.....	R. T. Richardson
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a.f.m	Nelson Ball.....	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m	H. M. Moore.....	I. C. Alguire
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	3rd Tuesday...	Jos. S. Simmons.	Thos. Pierdon...
87	aMarkham Union.....	Markham.....	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. Malcolm.....	R. J. Corson
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound..	W. on or b.f.m	E. A. McKay.....	Jno. M. Campbell
90	aManito.....	Collingwood..	W. on or a.f.m	W. S. Herrington	R. A. Stephens...
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	F. on or b.f.m	H. S. Keyes.....	Geo. Keyes
92	aCataragui.....	Kingston.....	2d Wednesd'y	John Pearson...	Robt. Hendry...
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kiacardine....	1st Wednesd'y	Wm. Hay.....	R. D. Hall
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley..	2d Tuesday....	Geo. H. Jackson..	Walter Mitchell.
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursday..	Philip Love.....	A. J. Wilkes
97	aSharon.....	Qu. ensville..	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. T. Power.....	B. F. Pearson...
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	F. on or a.f.m	J. A. Slade.....	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket....	2d Wednesd'y	N. L. Rogers.....	Geo. D. Fortune.
100	aValley.....	Dundas.....	2nd Monday....	Ed. F. Vines.....	F. A. Latchaw...
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	3rd Friday.....	John D. Craig...	R. P. Watt
103	aMaple Leaf.....	S. Catharines	Last Thursd'y	Rich. G. Varey...	H. J. Johnston...
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m	H. W. Eggman...	W. G. Poldon...
105	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	H. M. Dart.....	B. Sloggett...
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m	C. H. Rathbun...	Geo. Armstrong.
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m	John C. Love....	H. Poole
108	Blenheim.....	Princecton....	F. on or a.f.m	Fred. Vickert...	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion.....	Har'owsmith..	F. on or b.f.m	A. Forsyth.....	J. S. McKim
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	1st Tuesday....	W. H. Logan.....	J. F. Graham
113	aWilson.....	Waterford....	W. on or b.f.m	John Hadden....	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope.....	Port Hope....	1st Friday.....	Hy. C. Bailey...	Thos. H. Bell
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. D. Fairbrother	W. C. Bentley...
116	aCassia.....	The'ford.....	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. J. Bailey...	W. Bryant
118	Union.....	Schomberg....	M. on or b.f.m	M. A. Brandon...	S. Leatherland..
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m	Max Robinson...	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. T. Hart.....	L. J. Elise
121	aDoric.....	Brantford....	3rd Friday....	M. McCormack...	J. C. Spence
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday....	W. J. Acton.....	M. McKinnon...
123	aThe Belleville.....	Belleville....	1st Thursday..	Thos. Stewart...	David Barragar.
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1st Wednesd'y	R. J. Webb.....	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule.....	Cam'bellford	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. C. Bonnycastle	H. F. Skey
127	aFrank.....	Frankford....	M. before f. m	F. R. Mallory...	W. A. R. Milne
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke....	1st Thursday..	O. G. Copeland...	J. P. Millar, junr.
129	The Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	1st Friday.....	W. J. Stevenson.	F. Baldwin
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Wm. Logie.....	E. J. Mitchell
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. Fisher....	C. H. Sanders
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	A. S. Willmott...	John Irving
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	Th. on or b.f.m	L. B. Forsyth...	J. W. Shankel...
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m	John L. Cornwell	F. A. Clarke
139	aLebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday..	T. H. McMurtry.	A. R. McLean
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. Middleton.	C. T. Burdick
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Robt. Mobray...	N. E. Coppin
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg...	F. on or b.f.m	W. K. Farlinger.	A. W. Massey
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m	C. E. Cameron...	A. B. Carman
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford....	3rd Friday....	A. H. Monteith..	Chris. McLellan.
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook....	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Burnham	David Hampton...
146	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh....	Wednes' b.f.m	Ernest Gandier.	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	1st Friday....	W. H. McCarthy	N. Washburn...
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday....	A. T. Phillips...	Thos. Lawson...
149	aErie.....	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m	R. J. Miller.....	J. R. Davis
151	aThe Grand River.....	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday....	G. de Kleinhaus.	D. H. Houston
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Th. on or b.f.m	W. D. Chappelle.	R. Coghlan
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m	M. O'Neill.....	W. D. Ferguson.
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday....	John Jeffries...	W. H. Walkey...
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto...	3rd Friday....	Robt. Ferguson.	Hy. G. Cooper
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. H. Preston...	Jos. H. Butler...
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thursd'y a.f.m	Geo. W. Shortt..	W. S. Duggan
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond....	1st Tuesday...	Henry Hutton...	Rev. C. Saddingt'n
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth...	Wednes' b.f.m	Benj. Buchanan.	W. A. Loeis
162	aForest.....	Wrexeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	R. B. Harris...	Thos. Brown...

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodges	Initiald	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	H. N. F. D.	R. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M m b s	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	7	7	7	9	9	3					109	Dec. '05	\$ 8 00		\$57 60
84	9	9		6	1	1				1	77	Jun 1906			52 00
85	6	7	5		1	1				2	65	Dec. '06	1 00		58 50
86	27	18	15		2	4				1	275	"	\$ 20		240 70
87	10	7	5	3	2	1					77	Jun 1906	13 00		59 13
88	10	12	9	2	5	3				4	119	Dec. '06		1 50	111 50
90	13	6	6			1	6				171	"	6 75		112 50
91	11	8	6	2	3	5				1	101	"			74 00
92	7	6	6	1	1	1				1	187	"			186 00
93	3	6	7	1	1	2				2	96	"			70 25
94	9	7	10	1	2					1	67	"			56 50
96	10	8	11		3	2					178	"			122 85
99	6	10	13			1					79	"		50	52 50
98	3	5	6	1	2	2				1	53	Jun 1906			48 25
99	5	3		2	1	1					79	Dec. '06	16 75		63 50
100	7	7	7	1	1	1					128	"			101 75
101	6	7	7	1	1	3					129	"	1 00		89 00
103	11	8	5	1	3	2					163	"			148 25
104	6	4	6	1	4		1			1	88	"			87 75
105	8	9	5	1	2	1	3			1	120	"			96 75
106	5	4	5	1		3					79	Jun 1906	1 00		53 00
107	2	4	4	1	1	1				2	66	Dec. '06	17 25		41 00
108	3	3	1		1						33	"			18 50
109	1	1	5	1	3	1	1				70	"			57 75
110	12	8	8			1	4				105	"			61 00
113	7	8	7		1		1			1	130	"			95 75
114	8	7	8								115	"	3 00		108 00
115	8	6	4	3	2	1					166	"			80 75
116											43	Jun 1906		\$ 00	19 75
118	3	2	2								40	"	14 00		25 25
119	5	6	7		2					1	61	Dec. '05			53 50
120	3	2	2	1			1				56	Dec. '05	25		33 75
121	23	25	33	5	2	8	3			1	357	Dec. '06	6 00		368 38
122	5	5	5	1	4	2					117	"			74 75
123	16	18	15	5	2	2					189	"		1 00	150 50
125	10	8	7	3		1	3			1	118	"			84 75
126	4	7	6		1						55	"	1 50		78 25
127	8	9	10	1	3					4	100	"		10 00	74 25
128	10	9	6	1	2	6	2				142	"		1 00	91 25
129	11	11	15	6	3	1	1			1	89	"	74 00		64 50
131	1	2	2								74	"		\$ 00	56 25
133	4	5	6	3	4						89	"			74 25
135	3	5	2			1	2				95	"	1 00		67 50
136	4	4	6		3	2					60	"	2 25		49 75
137	8	7	6	2	2	2					109	Jun 1906		5 00	96 00
139	4	4	4								82	Dec. '06			70 25
140	9	8	6	1	3	2					113	Jun 1906	1 00		69 50
141	4	3	3	2	5	1					55	Dec. '06	1 00		41 00
142	10	8	8	4	12	1				1	69	"	20 75		37 25
143	6	7	6		4	4				1	101	Dec. '06	3 00		67 00
144	19	12	12	13	8	2	2			1	167	Dec. '06			115 75
145	3	2	4		2	1					56	"			36 50
146	5	5	5		1					1	49	"			36 25
147	2	3	4			1					88	"			58 75
148	2	5	4				1				135	"			136 25
149	5	4	3	1	1		3				65	"	3 00		79 50
151	14	11	11	9	3	1	3				175	Dec. '06	18 00		133 75
153					1	1	1					Jun 1906	17 00		74 00
154											72	Dec. '05	3 00		9 00
155	10	9	6	3	2	1					204	Dec. '06			117 50
156	6	12	11	2		1					140	"		22 00	176 25
157	4	3	2				4			1	69	Jun 1906			57 50
158	4	2									59	Dec. '06			39 50
159	8	5	5		5						75	"	25		58 25
161	1										81	"			56 25
162	2	2	1			1	1				38	"			22 00

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907.

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East.	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. H. Post.....	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	J. A. Pettit.....	H. A. Lorimer
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	W. H. Ptolemy...	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Weiland	M. on or b.f.m	D. B. White	John Coulson...
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. B. Hutton	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday	F. J. Burrows	L. C. Jackson
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m	A. Widdifield	Jas. O. Lowther
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Q. Reid	J. P. Wylie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	Th.on or b.f.m	John F. Brock	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders	Ottawa	2d Friday	E. C. Wright	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattville	Plattville	F. on or b.f.m	John Bristow	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	Geo E. Skinner	Wm. Weir
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. Hollywood	Gordon Emery
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th.on or b.f.m	A. T. Davison	A. B. McLeod
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	C. J. Martindale	F. W. Brown
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b.f.m	A. A. Fraser	John Smith
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	John Brodie	James McMillan
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	E. R. Eaton	J. A. Fowle
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Heal	J. H. M. Vaughan
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	2d Wednesday	A. A. Dewar	Mathew Smith
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday	J. B. McKillop	E. Maingault
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday	W. H. Steele	Jno. Matton
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday	John W. McIntyre	H. B. Currie
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	John Hogarth	R. S. Marshall
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Black	R. G. Graham
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday	Wm. Robertson	Edward Burns
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	R. C. Puddicombe	S. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. F. McLaren	W. N. McGillis
209a	aSt. John's	London	1st Friday	Chas. H. Firth	J. H. Keenleyside
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday	A. L. Connors	Alex. Buffam
212	aMylsian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday	Rollie Mullin	Thos. Lappen
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	Nelson Parliant	J. I. Coleman
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Tu.on or b.f.m	John E. Smith	D. McPherson
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	L. E. Wedd	A. W. Cryslar
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday	J. H. Horswell	Geo. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown	F. on or b.f.m	R. K. Brady	R. C. Adams
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Gordon	V. M. Hare
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	David Walker	D. J. C. Munro
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Monday a.f.m	Jas. A. Lamb	D. E. Bell
223	aNorwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Harper	Rv.G.A. McLen'an
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	John L. Scott	Jas. Bonthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Blackmore	J. J. Foster
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	W. H. Daugherty	Robert Bennett
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	T. H. Shields	W. H. McFadden
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Friday	W. J. Hallett	J. F. Smith
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday	W. L. Joyner	John F. Stewart
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Chas. E. Doyle	J. M. Blue
233	Doric	Park Hill	T. on or b.f.m	Fred. T. Zapp	Wm. J. Semple
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Tu.on or b.f.m	Alex. Smith	J. H. Dickinson
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	R. B. Grant	H. B. Putnam
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Tu.on or a.f.m	W. Griffith	H. I. Ross
237	Vienne	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	Orien Bartlett	S. S. Clutton
238	Havelock	Watford	Tues. b. f. m.	S. H. Russell	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. Johnstone	James Murray
242	aMacey	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	Fred. H. Mallory	L. F. Blanchard
243	aSt. George	St. George	Th.on or b.f.m	W. A. Saas	J. S. McLane
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. W. Currie	Robert Pye
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	A. L. Lyon	E. W. E. Saunders
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. B. McLean	Wm. McTavish
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	Fred. Bennett	G. M. Creighton
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday	Freeman Waugh	T. D. Minnes
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls	1st Thursday	W. H. Campbell	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday	W. L. Bedell	R. E. Carcallan
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	W. on or b.f.m	J. A. Whitlaw	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday	Jas. A. Cowan	Jas. A. Carrick
258	Guelph	Guelph	2nd Tuesday	Geo. Hastings	R. T. Powell

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Ret'd.	Total Memb.	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	7	11	17	1						1	117	Jun 1906			\$107 50
165	9	6	3	2		2	1			1	99	Dec '06			64 25
166	8	11	10	2	1	1					139		\$ 5 25		101 25
168	8	5	3			3					97				71 75
169		5	5			2	1				87		\$ 25		48 50
170	5	3		1	2	1					89				49 75
171	1	1	1				2				44	Jun 1906	3 00		23 00
173	1	4	4			1	1				42	Dec '06			53 75
174	3	2	1							1	63			1 00	47 75
177	16	10	19	3	1	3	4				196				129 25
178	3	2	2		1	2				1	41				24 75
180	4	3	3		3		7			1	79		1 25		51 00
181	2	4	4								36				39 75
184	9	6	6			1					96			3 00	91 00
185	2	2	2								28		14 00		22 25
188	2	2	4	1	1						46				45 75
190	5	4	4	1	2						55				54 25
192	26	18	21	4							165		3 00		146 25
198	7	4	6								81		2 50		60 25
194	2	3	4		1	1					62		1 00		69 00
195	5	5	4	2	1		4				90	Jun 1906	8 50		56 00
196	4	4	6	3	1		1				103	Dec '06		25	84 00
197	4	6	7	3	2		1			1	66			50	50 50
200											60	Jun 1906	6 50		35 25
201	12	13	8	3	7		1				150	Dec '06	75		117 00
203	7	9	9	3	1						64	Dec '06			61 00
205	2	2	2			2					38	Jun 1906			22 25
207	3	3	6		1	1					73	Dec '06			60 25
208	19	19	15		1	3				1	297		75		260 00
209	2	2	2		2	1	2				47			1 00	63 50
212											21	Jun 1906	1 00		20 25
215	3	4	4		1						69	Dec '06		3 00	49 25
216	8	7	5	2	1	1				1	159	Jun 1906		4 00	106 00
217		1	1	1	1	1					67	Dec '06	23 75		51 00
218	16	7	4	1	54	2				1	184		15 50		131 75
219	1	2	1	1	1	1					80	Jun 1906	7 50		51 00
220	6	4	2	1	6	1	2				76	Dec '06		6 00	46 25
221	21	16	13		1	2					122		1 00		110 25
222	2	3	4		2	2	5				69				58 75
223	13	14	12		2	2	1			2	37		1 00		103 00
224	6	5	5	1	1						85			15 00	76 00
225	3	10	10	3	13	1				1	88				87 25
226	5	6	7		1	1					44		2 25		37 25
229	6	3	3	1		1					50				52 00
230	2	1	2		1	1				1	106	Jun 1906			71 50
231	11	11	13	1	1	1					170	Dec '06			133 25
232	4	6	7	5	5	2					67			4 00	85 75
233	7	7	6	1	1		1				61				52 70
234	6	6	6		2	1					74				91 25
235	11	13	13		3	2	3	1			53		3 00		49 60
236	3	1			4						57		2 50		35 75
237	4	4	4		2		1				55	Jun 1906	1 00		40 00
238	8	3	2	1	4	2					68				46 50
239	19	15	16	1			5				113		75 75		78 25
242	11	11	10			1					83	Dec '06		1 00	78 50
243	3	4	3	1		1					70			3 00	58 50
245	4	4	3	1		1					62				34 25
247	17	17	17	3	4	4	1				308	Dec '06			164 75
249	7	4	2	2		2				1	140				119 00
250	3	3				1	2				31				23 00
253	11	12	13	1		1					100	Jun 1906			76 75
254	11	14	16	1		4	6				146			2 12	134 75
255	4	5	7		4	1	1				74	Dec '06			60 00
256	2	3									71		23 75		61 50
257	16	13	14	6	1						145			2 00	148 50
258	12	14	15	3		1	1				104		2 00		80 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m	F. N. Gadsby	M. M. Black
260	Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	J. C. Waddell	B. Dunlop
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	J. G. Hoessak	R. Q. Irving
262	Harriston	Harriston	3d Monday	W. A. Glenny	Rv. C. Scudamore
263	Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	Adam Kent	P. W. Campbell
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	Robt. McCracken	J. H. Wilson
265	Patterson	Thorhill	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. Riddell	J. E. Francis
266	Northern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rev. J. Cobourn	J. W. Bethune
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	J. W. Draper	J. W. Plewes
268	Verulam	Mobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	Hy. Hurchmer	Wm. J. Read
269	Brougham Union	Brougham	W. on or a.f.m	Geo. N. Fish	R. E. Forsyth
270	Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	E. D. Drew	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m	T. B. Akins	Dugald Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. C. Fortune	James Stewart
273	Kent	Blenheim	2d Monday	W. R. Fellows, jr.	John Cocker
274	Teeswater	Teeswater	4th Friday	G. H. Baker	Jo'n Farquhar
275	Seymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. M. A. Waugh	John Green, sen.
276	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m	A. H. Jardine	John Jardine
277	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	J. E. Elliott	W. J. French
278	Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	Rich. McCrudden	W. J. Diamond
279	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. J. Bishop	John Wright
280	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or a.f.m	R. J. Wallace	W. B. Clifton
281	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	H. E. W. Tamlyn	J. A. Morton
282	Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	C. N. Laurie	G. G. McNab
283	Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	D. A. Graham	P. L. Graham
284	Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. A. Cullen	Fred. S. Moss
285	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Peter B. Newton	Alfred Jones
286	Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. L. Stewart	A. Carley
287	Moore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. Brown	F. J. Tully
288	Conestogo	Drayton	1st Tues. e.m.	Wm. Noecker	W. H. Smith
289	Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednesday	H. P. Nicholson	K. G. Beaton
290	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	Chas. H. Beit	H. L. Clare
291	Victoria	Centerville	Th. on or b.f.m	Frank C. Gerow	Robert Cox
292	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Weston	M. N. Wright
293	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	Geo. E. Hill	Fred. S. Lewis
294	Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Wm. Watson	J. M. Hamilton
295	Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	John F. Ardill	James Black
296	Humber	Weston	Th. on or b.f.m	W. M. Gemmel	J. K. Keefer
297	Durham	Durham	2d Tuesday	W. E. Brooker	James R. Gun
298	Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m	Alex. Thoman	Fred. Nelson
299	Morning Star	Carlow	W. on or b.f.m	Jos. Bell	John Varcoe
300	Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	Jesse C. Smith	D. Norton
301	Phyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	C. H. Houson	E. E. Parker
302	Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	H. G. Fitzgerald	E. E. Tate
303	Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	H. Hyndman, jr.	H. McEwing
304	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	Geo. Harrison	M. B. Mathewson
305	Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	Carr Simpson	J. B. Sutherland
306	Wilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	W. Waugh	J. A. Butler
307	Hiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m	Chas. S. Graham	Thos. E. Elliott
308	Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	Melvin Durant	C. F. Robinson
309	Walker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	F. McIntosh	W. Stark
310	North Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m.	Ed. E. Miller	J. F. McCallum
311	Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	J. E. Warner	W. E. Germain
312	Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	C. E. Burkholder	Thos. Pedler
313	Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	Neil Colville	R. Z. Hall
314	Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	D. G. Sturrock	J. H. Macabe
315	The Hammond	Wardaville	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. Rennie	H. A. Wilson
316	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	F. B. Elliott	Henry Lowe
317	King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Simpson	H. A. Howell
318	Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	James Ferguson	H. C. Simpson
319	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m	R. E. M. Callum	A. C. Hutchison
320	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	Aaron Knechtel	F. J. Scaiff
321	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	W. A. Armstrong	Herbert Smith
322	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. T. Tindale	Peter Gregg, jr.
323	Highgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	John W. Bailey	Jas. Caswell
324	Myrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Huffa	Samuel Hill

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
259	4	4	4	1	1						49	Dec. '06		\$ 9 00	\$ 37 50
260	3	4	4	1	1		3			3	108	"			85 00
261	1	1	1	1							29	Jun 1906			24 00
262					3						80	Dec. '06			39 00
263	3	3	3		4	3	1				75	Jun 1906			56 25
264											138	"	9 00		137 50
265	2	3	3		1						48	Dec. '06			29 75
266	12	11	8			1	2				30	"			29 50
267	6	7	6	1	1						131	"			136 00
268	9	5	4	1	2						51	"			59 25
269											57	Jun 1906	\$34 75		53 25
270	14	13	16	2							85	"			49 00
271	3	2	2		1	1					71	"	24 00		47 25
272	7	5	4								101	Dec. '06			81 75
273	5	7	6								85	Jun 1906	3 00		111 75
274	4	4	4			1				1	32	Dec. '06			20 25
275	5	5	4		3		1			2	50	"			33 00
276											65	Jun 1906	2 00		47 25
277	4	5	6	2	2						60	Dec. '06		6 00	76 25
278	7	5	7		1	2				4	83	"			56 25
279	3	4	3		1	1				1	68	"	25		55 00
280	3	4	6	1	2						79	Jun 1906		1 95	68 75
281	3	7	6		4	2				2	85	Dec. '06			69 25
282	19	14	12	5	3	3					186	"	7 25		237 25
283	4	5	4			2	1			1	40	"	50		35 00
284	6	6	7	1	5	1				1	134	"	1 00		105 50
285	14	11	11		1		7				85	Jun 1906			80 50
286	4	6	4	1							43	Dec. '06			20 75
287	2	2	2			1				1	44	Jun 1906		25	24 00
288	3	1	2			1	2				61	"	1 00		67 75
289	9	9	8	2	2	1	1				70	Dec. '06			56 00
290	6	6		2	4						58	"	1 00		45 50
291											33	Jun 1905	3 50		1 00
292	4	3	2			1	1			1	49	Jun 1906		1 00	44 35
293	8	15	15	4	1	4	4				209	Dec. '06	61 25		174 25
294	10	10	5	1		1	11				54	Jun 1906			43 00
295	9	11	11								75	Dec. '06			74 00
296	4	7	6		1						63	"	3 00		68 25
297	2	2	1		1						60	"			40 50
298	4	1	1	1		2					40	"			34 00
299	3	2	3		2						51	Dec. '05			
300	9	8	7	1	3						48	Jun 1906			65 75
301	2	4	4		5	3				5	92	Dec. '06			71 50
302	7	8	7								73	"			66 00
303	10	8	8	1	2	3					71	"	4 00		59 75
304	11	11	8	1	3						47	"			48 75
305	34	25	16	5	9	3		2		2	366	"	13 50		377 75
306	1	1	1		3						31	Jun 1906	25 00		20 00
307	15	12	10	3	2					1	52	Dec. '06	1 00		51 25
308	5	5	4		6	15				2	75	"		25	58 50
309	6	4	6		2	1				1	55	"			44 25
310	17	17	12	4	7	2	3			2	159	"			122 50
311	4	6		1							72	Jun 1906	1 65		50 62
312	5	4	6		1						36	Dec. '06	1 50		225 50
313	23	23	27	6	5	7	5			1	336	"			17 75
314					3	1					31	"			420 65
315	45	39	31	11	6		2			1	499	"	5 90		
316	3	3	3	1						3	33	Jun 1906	30 00		
317	2	2	1		1	1	1				32	Dec. '06			21 25
318	7	4	6		2	1				1	65	"			54 75
319	12	10	4	1	1	2	3			1	141	"			105 00
320	2	2	2								44	Jun 1906			22 25
321	8	7	8		5	1				1	179	Dec. '06			124 25
322	4	4	3	1	1	1	2				53	Jun 1906	5 00		51 00
323	4	3	5	2	4						54	Dec. '06	2 50		47 75
324	2	1	3		3					1	57	"			43 25
325	2	6									47	"			43 25

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338	Dufferin	Weilandport	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Ross	James R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday...	J. W. Bedford...	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce	Tiverton.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. R. Bell	J. M. Bowie
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	1st Saturday	W. N. Shaver.....	E. C. Tyrell
344	aMerrill	Dorch'st rs'n	Th.on or b.f.m	J. A. Morris	W. J. Canning...
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. A. James.....	A. O. Barrow
346	aThe Occident..	Toronto.....	3d Wednesday	Jos. Howlett.....	O. C. Wrightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	Wm. B. Gow	T. N. Wansbrugh
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'she	1st Thursday...	Jas. Letherdale...	W. H. Hewson...
352	aGranite	Parry Sound..	3d Wednesday	A. J. Whitby	D. Macfarlane...
354	aBrock	Cannington..	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. Campbell...	Jos. A. Kift
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. Taylor	Rev. C. H. Rich...
357	aWaterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	Walter Forster..	Miles Markle...
358	aDelaware Valley.	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	Fred. J. Rocks...	Wm. Harker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	A. H. Smith	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge..	1st Tuesday...	F. M. Johnson...	Richard Mills ..
361	aWaverley	Guelp	4th Monday	B. S. Summer...	W. E. Cuiten
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	R. H. Diehl	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Arth'r Carruth'rs	Geo. J. Hagerty ..
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	1st Friday	A. G. Saunders...	R. C. Gallaher...
368	aSalem	Brookville ..	2nd Monday	C. T. Wilkison...	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. E. Port	Wm. Black
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	Hilliard Howard	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales.	Ottawa	4th Friday	D. M. Jones	John B. Wright..
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg...	Tu.on or a.f.m	E. J. Jukes	J. G. Watts
373	aCopestone	Weiland	1st Thursday...	Alex. Eastman...	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	Jas. McNeil	A. D. Anderson...
375	aLorne	Omeme	1st Thursday...	R. J. Weir	W. J. Thorn
376	aUnity	Huntsville...	2d Wednesday	John McLeod	D. W. Grant
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	Jas. Higgins	A. V. Galbraith...
378	aKing Solomon's..	London West	2nd Thursday	A. L. Simmie	Wm. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. Roberts	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday...	John A. Cottam...	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday...	F. S. Corson	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. H. Dunn...	Geo. A. Johnson...
384	aAlpha	Toronto.....	1st Thursday...	H. C. Scully	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	H. F. Moore	W. I. Colwell
386	aMcColl	West Lorne...	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. Petherick	Wm. A. Becker ..
387	aLandsdowne.....	Landsdowne..	Th.on or b.f.m	W. H. Rath	W. J. Nunn
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m	Peter Bowey	J. H. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Chapman	R. E. Griggs
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	J. H. Snary	J. A. Emery
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	D. G. Crawford...	W. H. Ellsworth.
392	aHuron	Camlaachie ..	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Crawford.	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	1st Tuesday...	David Eldt	W. T. Ross
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford..	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Abbott	J. S. Robinson...
395	aParvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	C. L. McDermott	W. A. Keith
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. E. Sutherby ..	R. G. Trout
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	Duncan Warren...	W. J. Brawnlee ..
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. F. Ross, M.D.	John B. Graham ..
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	S. E. Facey	H. W. Yorke
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b.f.m	John R. Buyers...	C. A. Bradbury...
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday...	Wilbert Wo'd'ck	W. N. Saxsmith...
402	aCentral	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	T. D. McCreery...	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	A. D. Bowiby	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m	Chas. A. Jones...	Jas. Aylesworth.
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	W. G. Dinwoodie	S. C. McDonald...
406	aThe Spry	Fennel Falls	W. on or b.f.m	C. W. Burgoyne...	E. Fitzgerald
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. W. Ritchie	Donald McKay
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday	W. W. McPhee...	G. W. Keith
410	aZeta	Toronto.....	4th Friday	James G. Cane...	A. E. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. D. McLean...	A. S. Winlow
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie ..	1st Tues. e.m.	T. E. Simpson...	C. M. Buscombe...
413	aNaphtali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. W. Jacobs	H. Callwood
414	aPiquonga	Kenora	1st Wednesday	Edmund Pinch...	S. C. Sharnan
415	aFort William	Fort William	2d Wednesday	Geo. H. Coe	W. H. Lavery

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. O.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total Memb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
338	7		3	2							56	Dec. '06	\$72 25		\$ 41 25
339	28	28	1	3		5				4	286	"		\$ 2 25	287 00
341	8	9	10			2				1	60	"			132 25
343	12	10	11	4	2	1					254	"			212 00
344	8	3	2		3	1	2			1	37	"			29 75
345	7	7	5	1		3				1	42	"			27 75
346	9	16	20	2	3	3	3			3	252	Jun1906			222 50
347	4	4	1	2	1	4				1	58	"		50	46 75
348	14	12	7	2	2	2					68	"		21 00	81 75
352											93	"		3 00	62 75
354	5	5	4		2	3					69	Dec. '06			41 75
355	5	5	4		1	1					50	"			48 50
357	9	8	7	1	1	1				2	95	"			70 50
358	12	10	11		3	1	5				41	"	22 00		74 00
359	3	2	2		1	1				1	48	"	25		33 25
360	5	5	3				1				70	"			49 50
361	4	9	6	3	4	4	5				129	Jun1906	1 00		61 75
362	6	3	2	3	2	1	1				53	Dec. '06	1 50		39 50
364	4	4	4		1		1			1	5	"	1 50		52 50
367	28	28	27	6		1	2				289	Jun1906			248 75
368	19	19	16	1	1	1	6			3	162	Dec. '06			115 00
369	2	2	2	1	2		6				74	"			66 75
370	3	5	3		3					2	64	"	4 00		48 25
371	7	8	7	1		2					127	"		2 00	130 00
372	3	3	3	1		1	1			1	87	"			53 00
373	14	10	9	2	3	1				2	72	"			46 50
374					1	1					84	"		9 00	29 75
375	7	7	7		3					1	37	"	55 50		
376	14	12	13	5		1	2				106	"	1 50		117 25
377	2	4	5		3					1	68	"			62 00
378	15	16	20	1		1	5				121	Jun1906			107 60
379	2	3	3		2	1	2			3	31	Dec. '06			26 00
380	18	16	12		2	1				5	186	"			156 50
382	24	25	29	5	3	3	8			2	288	"	1 50		267 75
383	4	5	5								96	"			93 75
384	28	23	27	1	9	4	7			1	323	"			260 00
385	5	7	5	2	2	1					67	"		1 00	36 50
386	8	4	4	2	2	1					78	"	2 00		79 00
387	6	4	2	1	3						44	"			36 75
388	1	1	1		3						35	"			65 00
389	6	4	7		2						48	"		9 00	57 25
390	8	5	2	1				1			36	Jun1906			23 25
391	4	4	3		1	3	4				73	"			29 75
392	7	6	6		1						68	Dec. '06			62 00
393	7	8	5	2		1					47	"	10 00		48 75
394	4	4	5	1	1		3				73	"		2 00	68 25
395	4	3	3		1					1	54	"			30 50
396	6	8	7	1	7	3				2	109	Jun1906	50 50		2 00
397	4	4	4	3	1	1					85	Dec. '06	1 00		47 50
398											35	Jun1906		1 00	25 75
399	8	8	8		1	1				2	34	Dec. '06			17 75
400	10	9	6	1	1	2	4				128	"		50	89 25
401	16	13	11	3		2					79	"			70 75
402	9	8	6	1	1						63	"			36 75
403	24	23	24	3		1	2				230	"			193 00
404	7	5	8	1	1	2					64	Jun1906	2 00		66 00
405	3	5	5	1	4	1					86	Dec. '06			55 50
406	4	5	2		2					2	74	"			61 50
408	3	4	4			1					44	Jun1906			42 75
409	18	12	16	1	3		4				80	Dec. '06		2 50	149 75
410	19	16	18	2	7	1	1			1	232	"	4 00		185 75
411											226	Jun1905	2 00		
412	16	14	11	3	7	3					248	Dec. '06	1 50		161 50
413											77	Jun1905			
414	20	15	11		2		6			4	131	Dec. '06	3 00		151 00
415	16	14	12	4	4					1	142	"		50	123 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1907,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. Bryson	C. W. Bullock
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mts	1st Friday	L. D. McCall	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville	Maxville	2nd Tuesday	Chas. A. Stewart	D. A. Irvine
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday	W. T. Richardson	B. F. George
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Monday	N. J. McCubbin	R. L. Dudley
421	aScott	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	J. E. McIntyre	Wm. McIntyre
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m	A. D. Graham	F. J. Shreve
423	aStrong	Sundridge	3d Monday	Robt. F. Cook	Wm. J. Elliott
424	aDoric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. F. C. Harper	D. E. Pugh
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Stover	Wm. E. Stewart
426	aStanley	W. Tor. Junc	1st Tuesday	J. F. McMulkin	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday	Jos. Fowler	G. A. Montgomery
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F. on or b.f.m	W. S. Short	H. G. Hutcheson
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m	John W. Miller	Geo. W. Smith
430	aAcacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday	Arthur Johnston	L. H. Graham
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	F. on or a.f.m	Geo. Sirrs	Wm. J. McKee
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	F. J. Tizzard	C. H. Withun
433	aBonnehoe	Eganville	2nd Monday	John C. Gourley	R. Bannerman
434	aAlgonquin	Emdale	Tu. on or a.f.m	Jas. H. Metcalf	A. W. Freeland
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m	Henry Pacy	Ward Patterson
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Alex. Reid	J. A. Cruickshank
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	Jos. Alexander	Geo. Wenino
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday	A. F. Sprout	W. T. Martin
439	aAlexandria	Alexandra	1st Tuesday	John Robertson	David Wason
440	Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	E. C. Young	W. S. Munn
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday	J. R. Gorrell	W. M. Ewart
442	aDymont	Thessalon	Th. on or b.f.m	Thos. E. Williams	Jas. Gascoigne
443	aPowassan	Powassan	2nd Friday	Wm. Carmichael	K. B. McClellan
444	aNetis	Creemore	Tu. on or a.f.m	W. E. Lawrence	Geo. E. J. Brown
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednesday	W. J. Chapman	G. M. James
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	G. A. Stethem	F. M. Gibson
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon F's	M. on or b.f.m	T. H. Connors	C. B. Stoddart
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Healy	E. Hanson
449	aDundalk	Dundalk	W. on or b.f.m	J. F. Vandusen	W. G. Pickell
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Thursday b.f.m	Wm. Courtenay	John Sherman
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m	E. A. White	Amos Train
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. Winters	S. Shaver
453	Royal	Ft. William	1st Wednesday	D. M. Mitchell	F. C. Perry
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls	1st Monday	J. W. Harris	Geo. H. Silvester
455	Doric	Little Cur'nt	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jos. Ellenton	G. R. Powell
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m	A. J. Cundick	A. R. Terry
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday	E. W. Neal	W. W. Marshall
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m	L. G. Wert	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday	W. R. Cramm	J. B. Craymer
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	Th. on or b.f.m	C. C. Gilbert	F. M. Dillon
461	alonic	Rainy River	1st Thurs. e.m	D. K. McGregor	Geo. B. Cameron
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	3rd Thursday	A. V. Summers	E. Monaghan
463	aNorth Entrance	Haliburton	4th Fri. e.m	Ralph Clark	A. E. Jones
464	King Edward	Sunderland	Fr. on or b.f.m	E. G. Sutherland	R. J. Shier
465	Carleton	Carp	Fr. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Groves	T. E. Argue
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday	W. H. Sparling	J. L. Thompson
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	Fr. on or b.f.m	James Fraser	R. J. Walkem
468	Peel	Caledon East	Fr. on or b.f.m	Jos. D. Proctor	Jno. W. Phillips
469	Algoma	St. 1st Marie	2nd Wednesday	Thos. D. Ross	F. T. Rowland
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	Th. on or b.f.m	I. S. Wardell	R. J. Neilly
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed., E.M.	H. McKenzie	Carl A. Herber
472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	1st Wed., E.M.	Jos. Johnston	C. C. Platt
473	The Beachers	Balmby Beach	2nd Friday	John McCarrah	W. J. Farmery
474	Victoria	Toronto Jun.	3rd Tuesday	J. S. Hill	D. D. Macdonald
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday	John Hooper	G. H. Langan
476	Corinthian	North Gower	Fr. on or b.f.m	Clarke Craig	A. E. McCordick
477	Harding	Woodville	Fr. on or a.f.m	Benj. Stacey	Peter McIntyre
478	Milverton	Milverton	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. G. Livingston	W. J. Zoeger
479	Russell	Russell	W. on or b.f.m	David Wishart	W. H. Lowrie
480	Williamsburg	N. Wmsburg	1st Thursday	Chas. F. Whitteker	W. C. Whitteker
481	Corinthian	Toronto	2nd Thursday	John Stephens	C. H. Corton
U.D.	Bancroft	Bancroft	Fr. on or b.f.m	John Ballard	J. B. Cleek
U.D.	Granton	Granton	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Dann	C. M. Webb

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LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (34.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. H. Revell, Walkerville.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Bodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon.....	Wheatley
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	" 457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (30.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. Thoman, Arkona.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (36.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. E. C. Kilmer, Aylmer.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 91, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 193, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. A. L. White, St. Marys.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 233, Doric.....	Parkhill
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 309, Morning Star.....	Carlow
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 456, Elma.....	Monkton
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaford	" 478, Milverton.....	Milverton
" 205, New Dominion.....	New Hamb'g	U. D. Granton.....	Granton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. Brown, Wroxeter.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chealey
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, Springfield.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, Orangeville.

No. 79, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 173, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 257, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, M. D., Hamilton.

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancestor
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 362, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington	" 475, Dundurn.....	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Bethune, Stayner.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 444, Nitetis.....	Creemore
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 466, Coronation.....	Elmvale
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 467, Tottenham.....	Tottenham
" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	" 470, Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor
" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Pettit, Welland.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 108, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 108, St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls S.	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York	" 471, King Edward VII.....	Chippewa

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (23).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 54, Vaughan.....Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 65, Rehoboam.....Toronto	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 468, Peel.....Caledon East
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 474, Victoria.....Toronto Junction
" 292, Robertson.....King	" 481, Corinthian.....Toronto
" 305, Humber.....Weston	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 97, Sharon.....Queensville	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 122, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 473, The Beaches.....Balmy Beach
" 220, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO 12 (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Williamson, Beaverton.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 423, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland
" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield	" 477, Harding.....Woodville
" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (30.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. A. Lapp, Brighton.

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 123, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Conasecon.....Conasecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	U.D. Bancroft.....Bancroft

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Johnson, Forfar.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napawee	" 223, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Cataract.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tamworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gausanoque	

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, Brockville.

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville	No. 110, Central.....Prescott
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 242, Macoy.....Malorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 28, Mount Zion.....Kemptville	" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 399, Crystal Fountain.....N. Augusta
" 85, Rising Sun.....Athens	" 416, Lyn.....Lyn

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, M. D., Pembroke.	
No. 52, Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 209, Evergreen.....Lanark
" 58, Doric.....Ottawa	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
" 63, St. John's.....Carleton Place	" 264, Chaudiere.....Ottawa
" 192, Renfrew.....Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....Pembroke	" 483, Bonnechere.....Eganville
" 147, Mississippi.....Almonte	" 489, Cobden.....Cobden
" 148, Civil Service.....Ottawa	" 465, Carleton.....Carp
" 159, Goodwood.....Richmond	" 476, Corinthian.....North Gower
" 177, The Builders.....Ottawa	" 479, Russell.....Russell
" 196, Madawaska.....Arnprior	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. H. Perry, Fort William.	
No. 297, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....Kenora
" 414, Pequong.....Kenora	" 446, Granite.....Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....Fort William	" 453, Royal.....Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....Keewatin	" 461, Ionic.....Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentzel, M. D., Halleybury.	
No. 405, Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls
" 412, Keystone.....Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric.....Little Current
" 420, Nipissing.....North Bay	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard
" 427, Nickel.....Sudbury	" 469, Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymont.....Thessalon	" 472, Gore Bay.....Gore Bay

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. J. E. Fisher, Huntsville.	
No. 352, Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Duncan Walker, Peterborough.	
No. 26, Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....Keene
" 114, Hope.....Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....Omeme
" 145, J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....Peterborough	

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (15.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. John Smith, Treadwell.	
No. 21a, St. John's.....Vankleek Hill	No. 383, Henderson West Winchester
" 125, Cornwall.....Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria.....Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....Iroquois	" 450, Hawkesbury.....Hawkesbury
" 186, Plantagenet.....Plantagenet	" 452, Avonmore.....Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....Lancaster	" 458, Wales.....Wales
" 256, Farran's Point.....Aultsville	" 480, Williamsburg.....N. W. insburg
" 320, Chesterville.....Chesterville	

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	24 Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20 "
London	" 3.....	26 "
South Huron	" 4.....	18 "
North Huron	" 5.....	19 "
Wilson	" 6.....	21 "
Wellington	" 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" 8.....	22 "
Georgian	" 9.....	23 "
Niagara	" 10.....	32 "
Toronto West	" 11.....	23 "
Toronto East	" 11a.....	21 "
Ontario	" 12.....	15 "
Prince Edward	" 13.....	20 "
Frontenac	" 14.....	15 "
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	14 "
Ottawa	" 16.....	19 "
Algoma	" 17.....	8 "
Nipissing	" 18.....	10 "
Muskoka	" 19.....	8 "
Otonabee	" 20.....	13 "
Eastern	" 21.....	15 "

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1906-7.

No. 3—J. H. Breck, Wilton Duff. 5—E. McDougall, Wm. Wood, R. J. Munson, W. S. Ormston. 7—W. H. Trembly, M. O. Nelson. 10—Wm. Deacon, Wm. R. Dawson, H. W. Pursel, Spencer Sebring, Richard Hill. 14—T. Burry, Wm. Dixon, A. V. Grant, Wm. Young, Thos. A. Moon. 16—S. C. Graham. 18—W. M. Ackerman, E. Clark, N. T. Kingsley, John S. Williams. 22—C. E. O'Brien, R. C. Lees. 24—D. Alport, A. A. S. Burns, H. W. Dickson, John Thompson, W. H. McDonald. 28—J. Puttenham. 38—Wm. M. Ireland. 40—Chas. Pear-sall, W. Anderson, W. H. Childs, J. D. Evans,, A. B. Gallagher, R. Hall, J. D. Hamilton, J. McKean, E. D. Ross, T. M. Gris-wold. 41—Daniel Ryal, E. A. McLeod, A. E. Malott, R. D. Mont-rose, A. B. Herring. 42—J. M. McIntosh, W. D. Willis, J. W. Presley, J. W. Knight. 43—A. O. Legrand. 44—George Beattie, J. Gilbert, R. Beattie, L. W. Morrison. 45—K. M. Willson, F. Baker, G. W. Kerby, C. H. Dunn, A. Lindsay, A. E. Mann, F. Smith, L. Huffman, C. Taylor, A. T. Watson, J. Slingsby, W. E. J. Taylor. 46—W. H. O'Neill, E. C. Work-man, W. C. Coupland. 47—I. P. McConnell, T. Robinson, Henry Walker, M. F. Chancy, Chas. McConnell, A. R. Ander-son, Jas. Leggett, C. T. Mezger, W. Schwell, D. F. Spaulding, A. J. Schwell, W. D. Trigger, Wm. Parker. 52—Thos. G. Brig-ham, Geo. Ross, F. N. Johnson. 57—Jas. Barclay, D. Green-hill, O. D. Adams, John Nell, Henry Bolston, Geo. Lang, N. S. Cornell. 58—C. Kuhl. 61—G. G. Anderson, G. W. Brabent, F. W. Martin, N. T. McNair, A. H. Ross, D. Robinson. 63—J. C. Simpson, R. Moore, R. McNair, J. R. Poff, F. Taskey, W. R. Simpson. 64—C. Laurie, H. Warner, E. F. Sifton, W. E. A. Best, A. K. Ferguson, A. E. Roote, J. F. Faults. 68—J. B. Jackson, A. Smith, Geo. Duncan, W. Williamson, S. Ditchfield, J. H. Hegler, F. H. Brooks. 69—Jas. Whitten, S. S. Ashle, J. G. Mills. 74—W. H. Simpson, J. H. C. Todd. 75—S. A. Bur-nett, Thos. D. Hughes, J. W. C. Blair, W. L. Reid, J. E. Liver-more. 81—W. H. Smith. 82—J. H. Clegg, R. Brooke. 86—A. C. Blythe, J. L. Blodgett, A. H. Bottomley, Adam Dackray. 88—J. N. Maughan, C. A. Ward, J. E. Bradley. 90—N. J. Cole, F. C. Fowler, A. B. Pratt, K. Campbell, J. Skelton, A. E. Web-ster. 104—E. C. Croke. 105—Jas. Willox, J. G. Robertson, F. LeBlond. 109—T. W. Guess. 110—J. S. Bass, Jas. Turn-bull, Wm. H. Mossman, J. D. Mills. 113—A. Gowling. 120—C. E. Edmonds. 121—F. S. Brennan, F. W. Elder, A. Ander-son. 125—F. J. Abbott, A. A. McDonald, R. J. Craig. 128—Geo. Fraser, H. Madge. 129—T. M. Blackstock. 135—H. Henderson, A. Coffee. 137—Chas. Loucks, John McRae. 144—Thos. R. Irwin, S. H. Weir. 148—F. A. Moore. 149—Thos. Steinhoff, J. B. Firks, G. F. Allan. 151—J. R. Craig, Geo. J. Schueller, T. E. Haines. 153—T. Bonistell. 157—John Blair, S. Knapp, E. M. Roland, Wm. Dier. 162—J. H. Lowery. 165—J. G. Aikman. 169—Joseph Keim. 171—Dan Spring, L. McTavish. 172—R. J. Stevenson. 177—W. A. Andrew, P. M. Craigie, W. T. Johnston, N. B. Spencer. 180—G. Butcher, E. Menzle, Wm. Bolton, T. A. Forster, Joshua Kribbs, G. L. Wilson, Thos. N. White. 195—E. V. Brown, Geo. T.

Brown, W. R. Lindsay, W. Corbin. 196—Jas. Taylor. 197—E. A. Schwalm. 201—A. E. H. Braithwaite. 209—N. C. Lloyd, D. McI. Ross. 220—Wm. H. Moore, Wm. J. Underwood. 222—D. Mitchell, H. Loucks, R. Mitchell, R. Snell, Jas. F. Linn. 223—C. H. Wissler. 231—J. H. Buckham. 233—Neil McIntyre. 235—Peter Munn, D. McKinnon, D. J. McEwing. 237—W. R. Yokom. 239—S. J. Millstead, R. Bryden, D. Sedgwick, Chas. Sedgwick, R. E. Jones. 247—John A. Ross. 249—W. A. Tack, D. S. Storey. 250—A. Bain, R. Marshall, R. Mathison, R. McLeod, R. A. Duncan, A. McKay, B. A. Smith, J. Swanson, S. S. Willison, A. M. Murray, John Youngs, N. Beaton. 253—Wm. McLeod, John L. Thorne. 254—S. P. McMerdie, Geo. E. Foster, C. S. Manchester, R. Halliday, Geo. Robt. Brown, L. F. Horrop. 255—J. Lawrence. 258—J. R. McDowell. 260—Joseph Belasco, F. Arderly, Alex. Gray. 263—J. C. B. Kernohan. 266—A. T. Briggs, W. J. Train. 277—C. A. Wilson. 289—C. M. Simmons. 291—A. Lowery, H. B. Nichols, J. Blowey, R. Hirst, John F. Eagle, Wm. S. Wagner, J. J. Morden. 295—M. G. Woodman, J. Gregory. 296—E. J. McIntyre. 300—Francis Since. 302—John Hutchison, M. D. McCrimmon, W. F. Hepburn, W. J. Foland. 303—A. W. Belfry, H. W. Kelly, W. Montgomery, J. H. McCoul, S. Irwin, Thos. Agnew, W. W. Kelly, H. James, J. E. Bennett, G. Hickingbottom, D. T. Smith. 320—John Bogart, H. Bingham, L. E. Bradley, E. W. Forward, Wm. Gillespie, A. G. Gillies, T. O. Keys, Wm. McKay, F. McNaughton, A. D. McIntyre, D. H. Rhodes, R. Stevens, R. Keys, Wm. McLeod, Jos. Young. 322—Wm. McClarty, Chas. R. Kenny, Jas. Black. 324—A. C. Walls, R. M. Hamilton, S. G. Dunn, J. T. Littlewood, Wm. Mitchell. 326—H. B. Carter, W. A. Berwick. 328—Jas. S. Graham. 330—Isaac Arscott, Henry E. S. George, R. A. Cromwell. 333—Archibald Gibson, E. P. Lawrence. 339—James Frame, W. H. Brown, W. J. H. Danbrooke, H. A. Dancy, W. W. Moss. 344—J. K. Creighton, Wm. Vannatter. 346—Thos. Greer, Wm. Moffat, F. Smith. 247—Alex. Wyness, Wm. Watt, C. C. McIntosh, Wm. Stewart. 358—M. F. Forsyth, Joseph Steinhoff, M. P. Scott, W. A. Guest, Samuel Lewis. 360—Thos. S. Taylor. 361—Wm. Copp, H. A. Croxall, R. Howie, W. Hunter, Wm. Roach. 363—James Sharp. 364—J. J. Wrenn. 367—H. E. Thatcher, A. J. Peplatt. 268—H. J. Robinson, L. Patton, E. B. Moles, J. S. Stewart, Thos. Tompkins, Jas. Morris. 369—John Gartshore, E. O. Winters, Wm. Blea, John Bryans, A. F. Thompson, Wm. Penny. 372—Wm. Wood. 376—N. Langford, C. Peacock. 378—F. H. Jones, H. Pigott, W. A. Grant, P. E. McKay, W. R. Campbell. 379—T. B. Goulding, L. Powel. 382—H. Cameron, J. F. Good, F. Sterritt, J. D. Hamilton, A. E. Cuthbush, E. P. Davies, C. F. Flynn, Morr's Lavin. 384—Jas. Hayes, Henry Snow, Henry J. Reid, W. S. Barker, J. H. Titus, J. H. Jamieson, John Brooks. 391—J. W. Smith, J. A. Baker, G. Hagaman, F. S. Raeber. 394—M. Day, J. Kennedy, Geo. Weston. 396—C. T. Jermyn, S. Acheson. 400—Jas. L. White, H. T. Bodkin, D. Kennedy, G. J. Sumner. 403—R. F. Golden, M. O'Doherty. 409—H. E. Young, J. C. Rooney, Wm. H. Brown, John Pyburn. 410—F. S. McFarland. 414—A. Mowat, A. Mogrund, A. S. Cuthbert, Geo. W.

Smith, C. J. Shipton, W. J. Adams. 419—Wm. Holmes, Wm. McIntyre, T. K. Shaw. 422—Geo. Johns, Jas. W. Adkin, Alex. Catto, W. Sussex. 423—S. Orchard, C. Burnes, Jas. McDonald, Robt. W. Seely, Geo. Middleton. 426—Geo. A. Greig, P. G. Russell, C. B. Borland, W. J. Brown, G. W. Raiser. 432—A. J. Cressman, Wm. Bernie. 438—P. Coward, T. W. Dudgeon, J. F. K. Nobert, J. W. Stevenson, A. Cornwall, W. H. Harper, W. Wilson. 442—C. W. Walker, F. B. Smyth, J. H. Cummings, D. Young, S. L. Wright. 443—Jas. Jenkins, J. D. Burns, H. T. Burton, C. H. Buckland, W. R. Austin. 446—D. Mosher. 450—S. J. Hunt, H. H. Curtis, R. L. Blackburn, J. C. Murray, J. H. Thompson, A. E. Harvey. 463—Richard Smith.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C., 1906-7.

46—W. J. Kenny. 77—Jas. W. Cinnamon. 235—H. McArthur. 316—H. E. Griffith, J. Esper. 341—John Wilmont Myles. 390—Thos. L. Armstrong.

DEATHS, 1906-7.

2—J. G. Rousseau, 24 March, '07 ; F. O. Best, 18 April, '07 ; John Simpson, 17 June, '07. 3—Wm. Stewart, 8 October, '06. 5—Geo. McLean, 16 March, '07. 6—G. E. Broadfield, 8 December, '06 ; Wm. Griffith, 6 October, '06 ; S. A. Findlay, 4 January, '07 ; J. E. O'Reilly, 28 February, '07 ; J. H. Havill, 9 March, '07 ; Jas. McIntosh, 5 April, '07 ; Jas. Hinchcliff, 9 April, '07. 7—I. N. Boyes. 9—R. M. Brisco, 13 January, '06 ; M. Joy, 1 February, '06 ; Robt. Boyes, 2 April, '07 ; James R. Fraser, 4 January, '07. 10—J. Brook, 26 October, '06 ; Thos. McCall, 7 May, '07. 11—W. J. McCamon, 6 July, '06 ; Isaiah Huffman, 17 March, '07. 14—W. J. Morris, 5 March, '07. 16—A. D. McCulloch, 26 June, '06 ; J. T. Slater, 25 Nov., '06. 17—John Boyd, 7 Dec., '06 ; W. L. Stewart, 27 May, '07. 18—W. H. Solmes, 16 Aug., '06 ; J. Mottashed, 16 Oct., '06 ; James Gough, 21 Oct., '06 ; B. F. Blakely, 13 April, '07. 20—Thos. Hilliard, 18 Sept., '06 ; R. Geary, 3 Nov., '06 ; A. Murray, 13 Dec., '06. 21a—Duncan Morrison, 22 Feb., '07. 22—Jonah Bliss, 8 Sept., '06 ; E. Westman, 1 Nov., '06 ; D. Secor, 5 Feb., '07 ; Geo. Hughes, 7 Feb., '07 ; Jas. Spooner, 9 March, '07 ; J. R. Gibson, 27 Feb., '07 ; P. Oronhyatekha, 3 March, '07 ; A. Macdonald, 2 April, '07 ; John Hall, 16 May, '07. 23—Henry F. Hopper, 15 Oct., '06. 24—D. McGreggor, 9 March, '07. 25—W. Barwick, 1 July, '06 ; Wm. Tassie, 1 Aug., '06 ; Wm. Roaf, 30 March, '07 ; Arthur Burdette, 25 Feb., '07 ; C. C. L. Cameron, 9 April, '07. 26—Samuel S. Reed, 29 Dec., '06 ; J. D. McLennan, 20 April, '07. 27—Wm. Magee, 21 Aug., '06 ; D. McMurtrie, 11 Nov., '06 ; A. Creelman, 27 Aug., '06 ; Wm. Magee, Jr., 19 March, '07 ; Geo. McKeand, 9 Jan., '07 ; S. M. Russell, 10 March, '07. 28—Abram Acton, 12 Nov., '06. 30—Jeremiah Lick, 4 Aug., '06. 33—Jas. Clark, 28 Nov., '06 ; A. Kirkbride, 6 Jan., '07 ; Chas. A. Humber, 16 March, '07. 37—J. P. Boles, 26 July, '06 ; L. Thompson, 6 Dec., '06. 38—J. C. Wilkins, 3 Sept., '06. 40—Jas. H. Smith, 17 Aug., '06 ; James Mitchell, 23 Nov., '06 ; James Wade, 29 Jan., '07. 41—A. H.

King, 18 March, '06 ; G. A. Grenville, 10 April, '06. 42—J. W. Knight, 10 Aug., '06. 43—Thos. Scott, 22 July, '06. 44—H. A. Ferguson, 2 July, '06 ; T. H. Stone, 4 Nov., '06 ; A. Clark, 7 Oct., '06. 45—W. J. Taylor, 9 Aug., '06 ; D. Dempster, 7 April, '07 ; R. H. Squire, 9 Feb., '07. 46—Jas. Marquand, 21 Sept., '06. 47—W. E. Coleman, 20 Sept., '06 ; H. H. Barnes, 27 April, '07. 48—N. A. McDiarmid. 52—R. H. Conley, 2 June, '07 ; Wm. C. Gordon, 3 Jan., '07 ; Jos. Masson, 3 March, '07. 55—D. C. Mosher, 1 April, '07 ; John Dunlop, 14 April, '07. 56—R. S. Oliver, 4 Oct., '06. 57—J. F. Lowden, 11 Dec., '06. 58—A. P. Imlay, Dec., '06 ; J. H. Doherty, 24 Jan., '07 ; Jas. G. Lyon, 31 May, '07. 61—Robt. Wilson, 7 Jan., '06 ; C. G. Kelly, 9 July, '06 ; R. B. Morrison, 16 March, '07 ; John H. Stone, 26 March, '07. 62—E. T. Hind, 7 Sept., '06. 63—Frank Donald, 5 July, '06. 64—H. Brodie, 3 March, '06 ; E. Barwell, 23 March, '07 ; John Mullin, 19 Oct., '06 ; G. A. McBeth, 17 Feb., '07 ; W. H. Galbraith, 30 Aug., '06 ; F. B. Talbot, 24 Oct., '06. 65—Robt. Cureston, 5 Nov., '06 ; Wm. Pudifin, 12 March, '07 ; Wm. A. Guile, 21 March, '07 ; R. Blunden, 25 Dec., '06 ; James Clemett, 28 March, '07. 73—Jas. A. Donald, 17 Sept., '06. 75—T. E. P. Trow, 19 Sept., '06 ; W. T. Jennings, 24 Oct., '06 ; Samuel Thompson, 10 Nov., '06 ; H. Monjean, 13 Jan., '07 ; J. W. Hackett, 25 Jan., '07 ; John A. Mar, 25 March, '07 ; Jas. H. Addison, 24 April, '07 ; J. T. Ramsay, 9 June, '07 ; S. H. Defries, 13 June, '07. 76—Jas. Rippin, 26 June, '06 ; D. B. Tasker, 16 May, '07. 79—J. C. G. Lawson, 29 Nov., '06 ; W. H. Porter, 20 Jan., '07. 81—H. Badge, 19 Aug., '06 ; S. Carter, 20 Nov., '06. 83—Thos. Kidd, 25 March, '06 ; R. Bell, 15 April, '06 ; F. Harrison, 3 Dec., '06. 84—O. S. Doan, 1 Feb., '07. 85—J. B. Lillie ; T. H. Percival, 14 May, '07. 86—H. M. Poulton, 10 Aug., '06 ; Jas. McBean, 3 Aug., '06 ; E. J. Watkins, 20 Jan., '07 ; F. McW. Stitt, 11 March, '07. 87—Thos. Hood, 5 Dec., '06. 88—D. Campbell, 2 Dec., '06 ; Thos. Randle, 10 Jan., '07 ; Geo. McDougal, 6 June, '07. 90—F. L. McNab, 1 Aug., '06. 91—Chas. H. Craig, 5 March, '06 ; S. J. Tucker, 2 Sept., '06 ; J. H. Minaker, 26 Nov., '06 ; Jos. Priory, 8 Dec., '06 ; M. Tuttle, 7 Feb., '07. 92—Geo. Zeigler. 93—P. Flett, 28 June, '06 ; O. Jennings, 24 July, '06. 96—J. Anderton, 25 June, '06 ; A. B. McPhee, 20 Aug., '06. 97—M. Doan, 20 Oct., '06. 98—Jas. Bryan, 17 April, '07 ; H. R. Elliott, 20 Jan., '07. 99—Thos. Brown, 2 March, '07. 100—E. C. H. Gwyn, 4 March, '07. 101—E. T. Hammett ; A. J. Belcher ; A. Dawson, 17 Jan., '07. 103—Jas. Hamilton, 12 Oct., '06 ; Geo. W. Cole, 2 Feb., '07. 105—P. S. Clark, 31 Jan., '07. 106—W. H. Howard, 13 July, '06 ; Wm. Clement, 22 Dec., '06 ; R. M. Fairchild, 1 June, '07. 107—Chas. Scott, 10 May, '07 ; 109—John W. Bertram, 17 June, '07. 110—W. G. Mossman, 7 Feb., '07. 115—Chas. Adams, 20 June, '07. 121—W. G. Killmaster, 4 Aug., '06 ; J. Wells, 24 Sept., '06 ; G. W. Montgomery, 27 Dec., '06 ; R. D. Park, 10 April, 1890 ; W. Smith, 15 May, 1874 ; Wm. Leys, 22 Sept., '04 ; W. S. Swain, 26 March, '04 ; Thos. Simmons, 30 Jan., 1899. 122—John Smith, 6 July, '06 ; J. A. Gurney, 5 April, '07. 123—Geo. Sargent, 3 Nov., '06 ; W. D. Chisholm, 23 Oct., '06. 125—R. R. McLennan, 10 March, '07. 127—A. S. Smith, 30 July, '06 ; C. W. Clark, 24 Feb., '07 ; O. Sills, 13 March, '07. 128—

Geo. Surtees, 8 Nov., '06 ; Wm. Moffat, 17 Dec., '06 ; D. Price, Jas. P. Moffat, 14 March, '07 ; Wm. Hogarth, 27 March, '07 ; J. A. Libby, 30 March, '07. 129—C. H. Stone, 1 July, '06. 135—John T. Elliott, 6 July, '06. 136—Wm. Reynolds, 12 March, '07 ; Peter Oronhyatekha, 2 March, '07. 140—John Teller, 27 Aug., '06 ; N. Chambers, 6 Sept., '06. 141—Wm. McKenzie, 15 July, '06. 142—F. F. Plantz, 4 Oct., '06. 143—S. H. Haycock, 28 Jan., '06 ; D. A. Macdonel, 11 April, '06 ; M. Stamp, 25 March, '07 ; G. R. Sipes, 19 June, '06. 144—O. E. Stalker, 13 July, '06 ; J. B. Meyer, 26 April, '07. 145—H. McCartney, 19 Jan., '07. 147—L. J. Coulter, 18 Dec., '06. 151—Geo. Deppisch, 7 Sept., '06. 153—Jos. McIntyre, 25 March, '07. 155—Wallis Lambert, 29 Nov., '06. 156—Richard J. Bulmer, 19 May, '07. 162—Richard Ross, 10 March, '06 ; Thos. Duston, 4 Feb., '07 ; John Kuntson, 27 May, '07. 164—Chas. Taylor, Jr., 9 March, '07 ; J. E. Laurence, 24 March, '07. 166—Canby A. Clark, 5 Nov., '06. 168—Jas. McLaughlin, 18 November, '06 ; Geo. Stalker, 25 Feb., '07 ; Wm. Anderson, 14 May, '07. 169—Alfred Bonny, 26 May, '07 ; D. W. McKay, 8 June, '07. 170—Norman McLeod, 30 Nov., '06. 177—Henry Nelson, 22 Oct., '06 ; W. H. Bullen, 21 Nov., '06 ; L. E. Beaven, 16 March, '07. 178—T. B. Puddicombe, 12 Sept., '06 ; R. J. Kennedy, 22 Sept., '06. 184—Harry Days, 23 Aug., '06. 194—Geo. Sandson, 29 March, '07. 205—C. C. Hall, 4 Sept., '06 ; W. B. Puddicombe, 12 Sept., '06. 207—John D. McArthur, 27 Oct., '06. 209a—J. S. Dewar, 16 Sept., '06 ; Geo. W. Hilton, 2 Feb., '07 ; Jas. Gordon Angus, 14 May, '07. 209—W. C. De-long, 9 Nov., '06. 215—R. Brickman, 1 July, '06. 216—John Witter, 12 Jan., '07 ; Henry J. Bagnell, 4 Dec., '05 ; D. Coleman, 26 Feb., '07 ; R. Shields, 18 Oct., '06 ; Robt. Beatty, 16 June, '07. 217—Henry Helliker, 28 April, '07. 218—Edward Egan, Nov., '06 ; W. A. Black, 6 Feb., '07. 219—Thos. Clark, 3 Dec., '06. 220—W. F. Eastwood, 17 Sept., '06. 221—Jas. Upper, 8 Aug., '06 ; Geo. Calcott, 22 May, '07. 222—G. MacWilliams, 26 Aug., '06 ; A. W. Carscallen, 12 Feb., '07. 223—John McMillan, 5 Dec., '06. 225—Wm. F. Forrest, 12 July, '06. 229—A. Storms, 12 July, '06. 229—Geo. W. Jackson, 31 May, '07. 230—Jas. Boddy, Jan., '07. 232—R. A. Kirkland, 31 March, '07 ; A. McGeachey, 29 Jan., '07. 234—Thos. Low, 27 April, '06. 235—John Megraw, 11 March, '06 ; Jas. Thompson, 20 Oct., '06. 238—N. B. Howden, 22 Feb., '07 ; Chas. H. Baldwin, 3 March, '07. 242—John Collins, 3 July, '06. 243—J. M. Kitchen, 30 March, '07. 245—F. J. Mayhew, 29 April, '07. 247—Ed. Egan, 15 Nov., '06 ; H. E. F. Caston, 14 March, '07 ; Wm. Roaf, 30 March, '07 ; D. Carpenter, 15 May, '07. 253—N. Hugo, 21 Dec., '06. 254—Henry Barge, 1 Nov., '06 ; W. H. Kellar, 5 Oct., '06 ; Geo. Newman, 19 Jan., '07 ; D. Dennis, 22 Oct., '06. 255—Ezra Burr, 31 Jan., '07. 258—John Mitchell, 23 Jan., '07. 263—Geo. Webster, 30 Oct., '06 ; D. Ross, 27 Sept., '06 ; John Shaw, 25 Oct., '06. 266—C. E. Jakeway, 1 March, '06. 271—Jas. Broddy, 7 Aug., '06. 276—Jas. Gallagher, 8 Dec., '06. 283—M. Moon, 15 Sept., '06 ; J. B. Holmes, 29 March, '07. 284—A. Cousley. 286—J. J. Elliott, 26 Aug., '06 ; Geo. E. King, 10 March, '07. 287—Geo. D. Nealy, 21 Oct., '06 ; T. J. Roberts, 22 April, '07 ; Wm. Fixter, 3 May, '07. 289

—Joshua Irvine, 20 Sept., '06; Alex. McKellar, 6 July, '06.
 290—G. C. Foster, 12 Aug., '06. 294—Geo. Phillips, 12 Dec., '06. 295—E. E. Dales, 12 Oct., '06. 296—W. H. Charles, 24 Feb., '07. 300—John Hobbs, 11 Feb., '07. 302—G. G. Murphy, 2 Dec., '06; E. H. Davis, 16 Jan., '07; P. H. Boughner, 25 Jan., '07; Jas. Branston, 23 April, '07. 303—Thos. J. Bell, Aug., '07. 307—W. J. Moore, 9 Aug., '06; Tim Hay, 18 May, '07. 312—C. J. Johnson, 13 Sept., '06; Geo. Hill, 21 Dec., '06; John Fisher, 17 May, '07. 314—G. V. Thomson, 14 Aug., '06; T. Fairley, 22 Sept., '06; D. J. Marion, 4 Nov., '06. 316—L. Conrad, 15 Oct., '06; W. A. Ball, 3 Nov., '06; Fred. Percy, 15 Dec., '06. 321—Jas. McLane, 11 Aug., '06. 322—Thos. M. McGill, 21 Sept., '06; A. Lewis, 4 April, '07. 324—F. MacKelcan, 27 Aug., '06; Jas. Tunstead, 27 Aug., '06; S. E. Malloch, 29 Dec., '05; Geo. W. Spackman, 2 Jan., '06; John Ross, 3 Jan., '06; H. Watson, 4 April, '06; H. K. Brown, 6 June, '07. 325—Wm. Pringle. 328—Henry Gough, 8 Oct., '06. 329—W. H. Smith, 6 March, '07. 330—E. J. Brown, 1906; W. J. Taylor, 8 April, '07. 332—C. R. Rankin, 26 March, '07. 333—Jas. Sullivan, 5 Feb., '07. 337—Wm. H. Rines, 15 Dec., '06; Thos. Sowersby, 17 March, '07. 339—John Parke, 30 Nov., '06; J. R. Ward, 7 Feb., '07; W. Sutherland, 1 April, '07; Jas. McCrackey, 5 April, '07; H. D. Kelly, 30 May, '07. 341—Jacob Grunder, 13 March, '06; L. T. Bland, 18 Aug., '06. 343—Dr. Oronhyatekha, 11 March, '07. 344—F. B. Talbot, 24 Oct., '06. 345—John W. Lee, 3 May, '07. 346—Wm. McKee, 15 July, '06; F. Blackwell, 12 Sept., '06; Robt. Lang, 2 May, '07. 347—Alex. J. Smith, 5 June, '06. 348—A. G. Breed, 10 Oct., '06; C. M. Beck, 14 March, '07. 354—O. Vandewark, '06; Thos. Laughlin, 6 April, '07; Samuel Reazin, 24 May, '07. 356—Robt. Gardhouse, 7 Sept., '06. 357—Chas. L. Bowby, 5 Jan., '07. 358—Jas. P. Fenner. 359—Wm. Dawson, 13 July, '06. 361—J. H. Little, 1 Oct., '06; C. Pettiford, 30 Sept., '06; Wm. H. Kneeshaw, 17 Jan., '07; J. S. Mack, 13 Feb., '07. 362—Geo. Kennedy, 15 Oct., '06. 367—Henry S. V. Johnstone, 4 Jan., '07. 368—J. W. Easton, 27 Sept., '06. 371—Alf. Forster, 10 Aug., '06; H. J. Fraser, 13 Jan., '07. 372—J. B. Smith, 18 May, '07. 373—John Richardson, 15 Nov., '06. 374—R. H. English, 24 Sept., '06. 376—Geo. Simpson, 29 Dec., '06. 378—F. McConnell, 2 Nov., '06. 379—Jabez Noble, 13 Sept., '06. 380—J. W. Reynolds, 24 July, '06. 382—W. A. Sealey, 3 Oct., '06; R. J. Tufts, 12 Oct., '06; Thos. Dunning, 17 April, '07. 384—F. G. Steinberger, 8 May, '06; A. L. Maddox, 29 Dec., '06; J. W. St. John, 7 April, '07; W. D. Morrison, 17 May, '07. 385—W. H. Porter. 386—H. McCall, 22 Jan., '07. 391—A. Fowler, 1 Aug., '07; F. E. Schlanker, 5 Feb., '07; John Crawford, 15 Feb., '07. 393—R. P. Beaman, 22 March, '07. 396—Thos. G. Davis, 2 May, '07. 397—H. J. Leacock, 18 Feb., '06. 399—J. J. Jelley, 31 Aug., '06. 400—Henry Perkins, 19 Nov., '06; W. Ashton, 9 March, '07. 401—Wm. Stoddart, 12 August, '06; Robt. McLeod, 20 April, '07. 403—A. Shelling-ton, 25 June, '06. 404—F. B. Stratton, 8 Nov., '06; R. E. Rose, 12 May, '07. 405—R. F. Wilkinson, 18 Jan., '07. 408—Robt. Campbell, 20 May, '07. 410—C. H. Clarke, 9 Sept., '06. 412—Fred'k Rodgers, 10 Sept., '06; G. W. Stadley, 18 Aug., '06;

H. R. Saunders, 17 Oct., '06. 419—Alex. Kirkland, 22 Sept., '06; Geo. Renton, 19 Feb., '07. 420—S. N. Smith, 18 Feb., '07; James Dick, 4 May, '07. 425—H. G. Smith, 16 Sept., '06. 426—John A. Paul, 22 Sept., '06; John Higgins, 17 May, '07; F. Watts, 17 May, '07. 427—J. H. Fields, 16 Oct., '06. 432—John Mitchell, 2 March, '06; John Sutherland, 6 May, '06. 435—R. Anderson, 13 Dec., '06. 437—A. Burley. 438—J. J. Ramsay, 17 July, '06; J. Cleland, 19 July, '06; J. J. Elliott, 26 July, '06; A. G. T. Birch, 29 Nov., '06; W. J. Everson, 29 Nov., '06; Geo. Kelly, 20 March, '07; J. H. Ward, 2 March, '07. 441 Jas. Dier, 28 June, '06. 443—Jas. McPaul, 9 Feb., '06; Thos. McKee. 446—H. R. Atkins, 4 Oct., '06. 449—Robt. Maxwell, 19 Sept., '06. 454—R. H. Lemon, 6 June, '07. 455—Thos. E. Fleisher, 30 April, '06. 460—G. R. Hawkins, 13 Sept., '06; J. Willoughby, 7 Aug., '06. 462—Thos. McKee, 22 April, '07; P. T. Lawlor, 1 May, '07. 465—Geo. N. Kidd, 9 Feb., '07. 467 Wm. Brydon, 29 Sept., '06; Jas. Brydon, 17 Feb., '07. 469—G. W. Stadley, 18 Aug., '06; N. Simpson, 6 Sept., '06. 472—Thos. M. Wagg, 22 Nov., '06. 474—John Haggas, 17 May, '07. Bancroft, U. D.—Richard Quance, 17 Nov., '06; J. B. Clark, 8 June, '07. 479—H. Lemond, 26 April, '07. 480—T. D. Casselman, 22 April, '07. 481—H. S. McCallum, 21 April, '07.

RESTORATIONS, 1906-7.

5—Wm. L. McKenzie. 9—Geo. A. Cliff, R. Boyes, Alex. Henry. 11—W. J. McMannus, F. S. Foster, L. Sharpe, C. Williams, David Price, Wm. Davis. 14—Wm. Young. 20—Geo. E. Phillips. 24—Geo. Newsome, A. A. S. Burns. 26—H. C. Brundrett. 30—Major Harper, Wm. Calverley. 33—C. E. Beck. 35—A. A. Stevens. 38—Thos. German. 40—E. B. Shannon, Thos. Bird. 42—W. C. Noble, G. B. Hendry, J. W. Knight. 43—Isane W. Griffin. 45—Francis Smith, Art. Lindsay. 46—W. H. Onell. 47—C. H. George, Geo. McNally, Wm. Bennett, Wm. Bulmer, W. A. Shneel, A. J. Shneel. 52—T. G. Brigham. 54—R. B. Orr. 55—J. C. Postlethwaite, J. J. Maxwell. 56—Jas. Gowans, R. J. Tretheway. 57—E. W. Dartnell. 58—S. H. Willard, W. A. Inwood, Ab. Fraser. 65—Geo. H. Flint. 75—H. S. Jex, E. J. Philips. 76—H. Smith, J. W. Short, Geo. W. McLeod. 77—Jas. Nesbitt. 78—Wm. Parker, P. G. Bromley. 84—Thos. Beacons. 85—A. E. McLean (J. H. McLaughlin. 86—John Coulter. 88—T. A. Martin, Geo. Corbett, R. J. Brebner, C. A. Ward. 91—D. M. Christie. 92—Wm. Quinn. 93—Wm. J. Evans, A. Campbell. 94—H. Long. 98—P. Steine. 104—Wm. P. Ray. 105—G. B. Greenwood. 107—David Irvin, Chas. A. Kalus. 113—A. Gowling. 119—Henry Spearing. 121—Geo. W. Montgomery. 125—R. J. Craig. 127—D. B. Preston, Geo. W. Potter, John W. Preston, J. W. Campbell. 129—O. E. Eaton. 137—Wm. Rooke, Thos. H. Chambers. 142—Geo. C. Hart. 143—R. H. Knox. 144—C. H. Solley. 146—F. H. O. Stinson. 157—Noah Whitmarsh. 164—J. D. Osterhont. 165—H. E. Edgcomb. 174—Henry Woodward, Jr. 178—D. A. Hogarth. 180—Joshua Kribbs. 197—H. H. Sinclair. 209a—Samuel A. Roberts. 216—Malcolm Gray. 218—W. E. Ricard. 223—Jas. S. Mel-

kle, Alex. Primrose. 225—L. E. Rice. 230—Walter F. Reid.
 249—R. Bennett. 260—D. Trotter, J. Trader, John Read. 276
 —J. Pennington. 277—Wm. Bates, P. Nelson. 283—C. W.
 Smith, R. C. Hulme, H. McNinch, Chas. Green. 284—Robt.
 Blair. 286—Wm. J. Blatchford, R. C. King. 289—Geo. H.
 Routledge. 290—John Bothwell. 294—J. P. McKenzie. 300
 —Robt. Kennedy. 312—Jas. Rikely, W. H. Clutterbuck, C. S.
 Woolever, M. Cameron, John N. Gibb. 316—Wm. Green, R.
 Childs. 319—T. W. Holbrook. 320—J. E. Brownell, J. A.
 Loucks. 321—Wm. A. Felton. 322—W. R. Stevenson, J. H.
 Guisby. 324—S. G. Dunn. 325—Thos. Courtice. 326—
 Fred. G. Crane. 327—Thos. Heywood, Jas. Heath, R. J. Prior.
 329—Robt. Easton. 330—D. H. Dobbin. 332—A. Dingman.
 336—V. A. Statia. 337—P. Rock, D. Shainholts. 339—Phillip
 M. Bates, A. S. Purdy, N. B. Burton, John Gibb. 341—L. T.
 Bland. 344—J. K. Creighton. 345—W. W. Duncan. 346—
 J. Aikins, J. Silvers, G. Shorland. 347—C. C. McIntosh. 357
 E. English, Robt. Allison. 359—Alonzo Louks. 364—R. G.
 Lucas. 368—G. R. Quirnbach, T. R. Back, H. J. Robinson.
 370—R. J. McGuire, J. Delong. 372—John G. Ruthven. 373
 —R. A. Johnston, E. P. Robins. 375—R. J. Patterson. 377—
 F. A. Campbell. 379—S. McRoberts. 380—J. W. Wallace,
 Wm. Scarlett, Jas. Earwaker. 382—W. J. Evans, K. Cauman.
 384—Geo. W. Broughton. 395—T. F. Johnson. 399—C. White, J.
 L. Laws. 406—Robt. Pearson, J. Simpson. 410—D. S. Gordon.
 414—John Kay, A. S. Cuthbert, G. W. Smith, J. A. Martin.
 415—Geo. Cosgrove. 419—Chas. Miners. 421—D. H. Marlon.
 423—Jas. Dunn. 424—W. A. Remmer. 432—A. J. Cress-
 man. 434—F. W. Bowles. 437—Wm. White.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM ROAF

Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West
District, No. 11.

Died 30th March, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN S. DEWAR

Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of London
District, No. 3.

Died 16th September, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. W. ST. JOHN

Past Master of Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto.

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West
District No. 11.

Died April 7th, 1907.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

CHARLES PETTIFORD

Past Master of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph.
Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington
District No. 7.

Died 13th September, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

C. C. ROBINSON

Past Master of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora.
Past Grand Registrar.

Died 1907.

Very Worshipful Brother

WM. F. McMASTER

Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto.
Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Died 1907.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

FRED ROGERS

Past Master of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste.
Marie. Past Grand Steward.

Died 10th September, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOHN HALL

Past Master King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto.
Past Grand Superintendent of Works.

Died May 16th, 1907.

Very Worshipful Brother

JOHN DUNLOP

Past Master of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrick-
ville. Past Grand Steward.

Died April 14th, 1907.

Very Worshipful Brother

A. DAWSON

Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peter-
borough. Past Grand Steward.

Died 17th June, 1907.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1907-1908.

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed..... Hamilton

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt..... Sarnia

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Name	District	District No.
R. W. Bro.	Robt. H. Revell	Walkerville	Erie
"	A. Thoman	Arkona	St. Clair
"	E. E. O. Kilmer	Aylmer	London
"	H. A. L. White	St. Marys	South Huron
"	Thomas Brown	Wrexeter	North Huron
"	George Stewart	Springfield	Willson
"	J. A. V. Preston	Orangeville	Wellington
"	Herbert S. Griffin	Hamilton	Hamilton
"	J. W. Bethune	Stayner	Georgian
"	George H. Pettit	Welland	Niagara
"	W. H. Shaw	Toronto	Toronto West
"	W. B. Cavell	Toronto	Toronto East
"	Wm. Williamson	Beaverton	Ontario
"	C. A. Lapp	Brighton	Prince Edward
"	George S. Johnston	Forfar	Frontenac
"	E. A. Geiger	Brookville	St. Lawrence
"	R. W. Kenning	Pembroke	Ottawa
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Appendix to Proceedings of 1903.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following review of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings which have been received up to June 10, 1907. The most notable events which have occurred in other jurisdictions have been sent down and extracts have been given from the best addresses of Grand Masters and reports of committees.

The conflict in France between the State and the Roman Catholic priesthood seems to be a case of history repeating itself. The State is said to be controlled by the Freemasons, in much the same way that the Order of the Illuminati were prominently concerned in the French Revolution of 1792.

The Order of the Illuminati was founded in Bavaria in 1776 by Dr. Adam Weishaupt. Freemasonry seems to have given him the idea. The avowed aim of the Order was to illuminate the world with the aurora of philosophy; to ray forth from secret societies, as from so many centres, the light of science over all nations; to diffuse the purest principles of virtue and to reinstate mankind in primeval innocence and happiness. The speculations of St. Pierre, of Rousseau, and of Helvetius had tended in the same direction, and Morelly had previously proclaimed to the world a moral code based upon the unwritten laws of nature and a system of society which reproduced the idealities of Plato and More.

Freemasonry supplied the hierarchical organization of the new Order and from the same fertile source was derived much of the machinery necessary for its working.

To what he had borrowed from the Masonic Craft, Weishaupt added a variety of new mystical and symbolical ceremonies. A number of scientific men of liberal principles gradually became members. Among these were Mesmer, the founder of Mesmerism and clairvoyance, and the celebrated Condorcet, afterwards a distinguished member of the Girondist party in the French Convention..

As the initiations increased, the system of affiliated societies was introduced and lodges were opened in various parts of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, those of each country being dependent upon the Grand Lodges, and the latter upon the Central Society in Ingolstadt. Among the members initiated in France were the Duke of Orleans, Mirabeau and the Abbe Sieyes.

In 1780 an elaborate Constitution was adopted. This divided the members into three classes, Novices, Scotch Knights and Rulers. Great numbers of Freemasons joined the new Society. The German Princes had become initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, esteeming it the highest honor to be associated with the literati and with those whose principles were virtue and philanthropy.

The Illuminati absorbed into itself all the Freemasons who were looking forward to the regeneration of society, the triumph of philosophy and the government of opinion. They wished to commence with the minds the most advanced, that by the aggregation of these, the diffusion of the new ideas of the philosophy of progress might be more easily and rapidly effected. At first the princes of Germany were dazzled by the air of romance and mystery which the Illuminativists contrived to throw around them.

In 1785 the Bavarian Government issued an edict against the Order. Many of its members were imprisoned or compelled to leave their homes, and Weishaupt was banished. He found refuge at the court of Prince Augustus of Gotha. But when the French Revolution began to loom threateningly upon the horizon, the Illuminati were regarded as its authors. Royalty and aristocracy now looked upon them with abhorrence, and the Freemasons fell under the same ban. At the first looming of the danger, the Illuminists were encountered by this royal repudiation and condemnation, but their secret organization enabled them to elude the hand of despotic authority that was outstretched to crush them, and the melodramatic rapidity with which the events of the Revolution succeed-

ed each other soon rendered secrecy no longer necessary.

The French Revolution was the triumph of the Illuminati through its French members, and their reply to the despotism which had menaced their existence in Germany and the Netherlands.

The Duke of Orleans was a member of the Jacobins, although distrusted by them. The Abbe Sieyes, the champion of the *tiers-etat*, had given to France the Constitution of 1791, the Revolutionary foundation. The voice of Mirabeau was potential in the new Assembly. Condorcet, the philosopher of the Gironde, exercised by his genius an undoubted influence on public opinion, and Romme, a mystical enthusiast, by his connection with De Mericourt, the Lais of the French Revolution, became a link between the Illuminati and Jacobins, and the populace of the faubourgs.

ALABAMA.

86th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1906.

Sorrow broods over their threshold. Soon after their last meeting, the Grand Master, Bro. Henry H. Matthews was taken ill and died in June following. He was a zealous and devoted Mason, loved and respected by all his brethren.

The duties of the office fell upon the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Ben. M. Jacobs. His address indicates great ability and a large capacity for hard work. The number of new lodges, 27, exceeds that of any former year. He condemns the unnecessary publication of Masonic matters in the newspapers and thinks it is not proper to give the names of persons initiated. We think that practice should be prohibited. We quote the eloquent conclusion of Bro. Jacobs' address :

So is written the history of the year. Prosperity sits at our gates. On our altars peacefully burn the fires of fraternity. The fragrant garlands of friendship are twined about our pillars. The true light comes from the East and falls in refulgent splendor upon the banner of an organization committed to the practice of every noble deed, taught to cherish every worthy thought.

The retrospective view is the source of much pride and congratulation, as we look upon the achievements of our fraternity, its material progress and the Masonic zeal of its subordinate lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. We belong to a fraternity that occupies no insignificant place among the forces that go to make the world's history, that tend to the

enlightenment of mankind and the advancement of civilization. We point with pride to its past record throughout the civilized world. It has sent forth brethren on the mission of charity and love, to bind up the bruised and broken heart, to dry the tears of the orphan and hush the wail of the widow, and thus, with tender touches, has lifted humanity with loving hands to higher planes of living and nobler spheres of thought.

The world at large is realizing each day more and more the moral force of Masonry, in the uplifting of humanity. Having for its corner-stone the Holy Scriptures, it stands for the immutability of the highest truths, the sacredness of God's Revelations; for man's duty and guidance in life, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, all as forming the only true basis and standard of human character and good citizenship. It is affected by no passing breeze or change, no spirit of unrest, and it is never heated into passion by assaults from without, but moves quietly along on its pathway of charity, good will and helpfulness to men, and amidst the petty turmoils, the selfish purposes, the mean bitterness of men, it stands

'Like some tall cliff, that lifts its awful form,
Swells the gale and midway leaves the storm;
Though 'round its base the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. The request for recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was refused, "as pure Masonry is not yet established in that country."

The Constitution was amended and now provides that "no one shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master more than one year in any period of six years." This practically means that no one can be Grand Master for more than one year. We think it unwise for a Grand Lodge to thus fetter itself. The vote by lodges was 299 to 115; 284 being the necessary two-thirds to carry, and the Masters of 11 lodges are to be summoned to appear at the next Grand Lodge to give their reasons for failing to report on the amendment.

The following Edict was adopted :

Masonry is neither a political nor a business organization, and no Mason should use the order or appeal to the brethren of the Craft to further his political or business aspirations simply because he is a Mason.

A Committee of three Past Grand Masters was appointed to solicit funds and to wage a campaign of education for a Masonic Home.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. A. Titcomb.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Lodges, 457; members, 18,191; increase, 1514.

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ARKANSAS.

64th Communication, Little Rock, November 20, 1906.

Antonio B. Grace, G. M.

The Craft is in a prosperous and flourishing condition and peace and harmony prevail. Nine new lodges were formed. The Grand Master praises the good work of the District Deputies. Appeals for aid for indigent brethren were very few.

Their Masonic Home is to be located at the City of Batesville, on 100 acres of land donated by the citizens.

Alberta was recognized.

The following report was adopted :

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage by C. A. Bridewell, Past Grand Master, presented the following report on the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master as to presenting to the candidate at each raising a copy of the By-laws, which report was adopted, to wit :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas :

Your Committee on Masonic Law to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master, as to presenting newly made Master Masons the Edicts, Monitor, etc., have duly considered the same and propose the following Edict, to wit : Hereafter every Lodge in this jurisdiction, at the raising of a brother, shall present to him a copy of the By-laws of the Lodge, and recommend that he at once obtain a copy of the Monitor adopted by this Grand Lodge. Such presentation shall be made by the Worshipful Master immediately after the charge is delivered. The W. M. shall impress upon the newly-made brother the importance of carefully studying both the By-laws and the Monitor.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 515; members, 16,772; increase, 799.

Jacob Trieber, (Little Rock), G. M.

Fay Hempstead, (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

35th Communication, Victoria, June 21, 1906.

Thomas J. Armstrong, G. M.

A new lodge was opened at Hedley.

Barkerville is away up in the mountains, hundreds of miles from anywhere. Bro. James Stone, the District Deputy, sent in a unique report :

Just a few lines by way of answering our names at the General Muster of 1906. We are but a small portion of the Jurisdiction, but should hate to see our annals entirely vacant.

Cariboo No. 4 is still holding up the even tenor. Numerically we have forged ahead one, a small gain, but better than having to record a decrease.

We are not only small in numbers but have become very scattered. I think only three reside in the vicinity of the Tall Building in Barkerville, which holds aloft in letters three feet high "Masonic Hall, 1869." Some are out in various outlying creeks hunting for gold, some resident at Quesnel, others down in the Coast cities, one up in the cold Klondyke, one in fair London Town, England, some in the Eastern States. Verily we are "dispersed around the globe." Notwithstanding we have kept our meetings up pretty good. The absentees let us hear from them. One Brother in Pennsylvania writes: "On my way out and at this place I have visited several Lodges and am surprised to find so little difference in the work; we compare favorably." It is pleasant to receive such from afar. It is also pleasant to note the Brethren, with few exceptions, make it easy for the Secretary in sending out the notices. He has only to write at Cr., instead of going up a column of figures. A trivial thing to mention, but it brings my document to a half decent size.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized and the request of Valle de Mexico denied.

Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith presented another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, covering 270 pages and all full of interest. His discussions of almost all the questions that are of moment are very valuable. Canada for 1905 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 41; members, 3,051; increase, 220.

James H. Schofield, (Trail), G. M.

R. E. Brett, (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

57th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 9, 1906.

Motley H. Flint, G. M.

The earthquake and fire of April, 1906, destroyed all the Grand Lodge records and all the papers connected with the Grand Secretary's office. The Masonic Temple was entirely destroyed, and they have since sold the site for \$750,000. and will build a new Temple in a different location. Nine new lodges were opened. The contributions for relief after the great disaster amounted to \$315,000.

The greater part of this volume is taken up with details of the relief work. The report of the Special Committee was adopted as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Special Reports of the General Masonic Relief Fund, begs leave to report :

That it has scrutinized most carefully the reports and the financial statements, and finds no other criticism necessary or adequate than the highest commendation for the work done and the manner in which it was executed. The Committee considers every page of this glorious record of philanthropy a tribute to that Freemasonry which evidences itself not in formulas or rituals, but in deeds of kindness done. An ancient sage declared that we should thank God for the evil as well as for the good, and the philosophy of that counsel is evidenced in the great blessing that flowed from full hearts to the distressed population of our beloved city as an earnest and a proof of the great good Masonry has done for the world.

Your Committee has had submitted to it the report of expert accountants certifying to the correctness of the accounts of the Relief Fund Committee, and your Committee feels assured, as it did before this testimony was offered, that the fund was wisely administered, the amounts properly expended and the accounts faithfully and correctly kept. Great credit is due those in charge for the economy practiced in the matter of salaries and other expenses of administration. In view of the foregoing, your Committee begs to offer the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby expresses its high appreciation of the ability of M. W. G. M. Motley H. Flint and the humane and Masonic spirit that guided him in his successful efforts to relieve the distressed.

II. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby expresses its commendation of the work of relief as carried on under the supervision of Bros. W. Frank Pierce, Harry Lask and those mentioned as co-operating with them.

III. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hereby desires to record its ineradicable appreciation of the prompt and gracious tenders of assistance and encouragement that reached us from all Masonic jurisdictions and bodies during the period of our calamity.

IV. Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve the suggestion of M. W. Motley H. Flint in reference to continuing the work of the fund during the winter, and recommend same to the incoming Grand Master for action.

V. Resolved, That copies of the special report covering the entire work of relief be sent to all Masonic jurisdictions, foreign and domestic, to the Congressional Library, and to all libraries in this State, that this Monument to Masonic Philanthropy may be preserved.

It was decided to continue the system of exchanging Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the reports of Committee on Investigation appointed on the petition of applicants for the degrees of Masonry, or for applications, shall not be read in the Lodges, except so far as the announcement of the character of the report is concerned; nor shall the names of the brethren appointed on such committees be announced in the Lodge.

Our Proceedings of 1905 receive due notice.
Lodges, 308; members, 33,769; increase, 2,208.
Edward H. Hart, San Francisco, G. M.
George Johnson, (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

46th Communication, Denver, September 18, 1906.
Charles F. Painter, G. M.

Remarking on his official visitations, he has the following :

To summarize, I have made forty official visits, covering fifty-one Lodges, as in several instances there were joint meetings of two, three or four Lodges. But even with this, I was unable to visit quite half our Lodges.

Upon my induction into the office of Grand Master one year ago, I decided that during my term I would visit as many of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as possible and that, in making these visits, I would give preference to the far distant and smaller Lodges that had not been favored with a visit from their Grand Master for possibly many years previous, if at all. This policy I have pursued during the past year, as near as absence from my own business pursuits would permit. I sincerely regret that time and other duties incumbent upon me did not permit of my making many more visits. In making the several visits here reported, I traveled several thousand miles and have reached practically all portions of our vast Commonwealth, excepting the northwestern part.

On all of these visitations, upon many of which I have been accompanied by one or more of my associate Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, we have been greeted with hearty hand-claps, with bright smiles, with generous hospitality, and with every manifestation of earnest, cordial, Masonic Brotherhood. I find that the country Brethren in particular, oftentimes and at great personal sacrifice, attend their Lodge meetings, visit the sick, bury the dead and contribute liberally to every worthy cause. The visits I have made during the past year have been a great pleasure to me and to those who have accompanied me, and I trust that they have and will be a great benefit to the Craft.

Three new lodges were opened.

Alberta was recognized.

In his review of South Dakota, Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf thus discourses about two interesting emblems, the Pentalfa or five-pointed star, and Solomon's Seal, the six-pointed star :

For the edification of Brother Brown we would say that Colorado claims to have found nothing new, but rather to have more nearly followed ancient tradition than the designs laid down by regalia dealers and too often thoughtlessly adopted in some Jurisdictions. The pentalfa displayed upon the jewel of our Deputy Grand Master is the same as that used by

the Grand Lodge of England, from which our Masonry is derived, and whose well-known conservatism in all matters pertaining to Masonry, has rendered it an authority when ancient tradition is to be followed. It is by no means a new symbol in Masonry for Dr. Mackey says: "It is typical of brotherly love that unites the whole fraternity."

The mediaeval Masons considered it a symbol of deep wisdom. By our Ancient Brethren it was called "The Star of the East," and was the symbol of Masonic light. And in Masonic symbolism it is referred to as representing the intimate union which existed between our three ancient Grand Masters.

The six-pointed Star, or, Seal of Solomon, with the setting sun inscribed within it, which we adopted as the Jewel of the Grand Lecturer, cannot be claimed as original by this Jurisdiction. It is described in Sickel's Monitor as the appropriate jewel for this office, which appears to be the only place where a description of the jewel for that officer can be found. The two interlaced triangles which form the Seal of Solomon are of very ancient origin, and are supposed to have had talismanic powers, and this design was hailed by our ancient Brethren, among all nations, as the symbol of Divine Humanity, the image of God in Man. As to the criticism that the adoption of a purple ribbon "tends to prove that the Grand Lodge of Colorado is not a Blue Lodge," we would remark that purple has always been considered the insignia of royal or supreme authority, it is the color of dignity and an emblem of exalted office. Mackey says, "In the Grand Lodge of England, Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers wear purple collars and aprons as the symbolic color of the Past Master's Degree, to which all Grand Officers should have attained," and in this country, in Pennsylvania, which is the most conservative Jurisdiction, purple is considered the appropriate color for the collars or ribbons of the officers of a Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 107; members, 11,501; increase, 508.

Arthur E. Jones, (Denver), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson, (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

119th Communication, New Haven, Jan 16, 1907.

Benjamin F. Turner, G. M.

The year past was one of activity among most of the lodges and with no cases of grievance or appeals, it must be said that harmony prevailed.

A movement was inaugurated to build an addition to their Masonic Home.

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were recognized.

The dues to Grand Lodge are \$1 per year for each member, and in estimating their membership, lodges may deduct all members who have been in good standing for 30 years. Seventy-five per cent. of the amount received goes to the support of the Home and other charities.

Bro. John H. Barlow presented his usual excellent report on Correspondence, in which our Proceedings of 1906 find a place.

Lodges, 110; members, 20,752; increase, 665.

Andrew J. Hallock, (Bethel), G. M.

John H. Barlow, (Hartford), G. S.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware was organized in 1806. A special communication was held at Wilmington, June 7, 1906, to celebrate their Centennial anniversary. An elaborate programme was well carried out and the speeches were excellent. The proceedings form very interesting reading and the handsome volume in which they are contained will make a welcome addition to our library.

101st Communication, Wilmington. Oct. 3, 1906.

Levin I. Handy, G. M.

In his opening remarks, Bro. Handy has a forcible paragraph on the interest in subordinate lodges :

The real seat of Masonic interest is in the Subordinate Lodges. The older members of the Grand Lodge, who have been coming here for many years, have a natural attachment for the Grand Lodge as such; but I believe it is true that no Mason will long keep a true and warm interest in Masonic matters if he neglects his Subordinate Lodge, attends none of its meetings and gets out of touch with its membership. Our Masonic obligations were taken at the altar of a Subordinate Lodge, and it is by gathering around that same altar that we are most likely to preserve their binding effect on mind and conscience. It was in a subordinate lodge that we first observed the chaste beauty of Masonic symbols and there that we first heard the lofty principles of right living which Masonry inculcates. It is by regular attendance at the Subordinate Lodge that the light by which Masons work and live may most surely continue to shine and illumine our minds and make plain the path of duty. You have been instructed before from this Grand East concerning the evils of non-affiliation, and I now call your attention to a sort of legalized non-affiliation. It is the condition of the Mason who is affiliated in form and non-affiliated in fact. His name remains on the list, but his person does not appear in the lodge room. He pays his dues—Masonic dues are always and properly light—but he pays no attention to Masonic duty. Every now and then he comes to Lodge on election night because he has been summoned, and possibly he wears a Masonic emblem in the hope that some brother may note it and thereby he may receive the benefit of Masonic love and confidence. That is something he is still ready to receive, although he no longer has any of it to give. He is non-affiliated in everything except in name, and all of the evils of non-affiliation surround Masonry such as his. Affiliation means more than mere payment of dues. It means

an interest in Masonry and in brother Masons, and it demands attention to the affairs of the Subordinate Lodge.

Alberta was recognized.

There were three lodges of instruction held with very encouraging results.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. L. H. Jackson, and reviews Canada for 1905. Bro. Jackson does not seem to understand the peculiar significance of the third of the joint resolutions of England, Scotland and Ireland on the recognition of new Grand Lodges, which we quoted in full last year. He quotes the resolution, and then says:

"We think the above a beautiful manifestation of the true Masonic spirit, and will result in the greater welfare and growth of Masonry in all those countries where such action of the three Grand Lodges applies."

This is the first expression of approval of that resolution that we have seen. Certainly tastes differ. To our mind, that resolution was so arbitrary and utterly selfish that no defender of it could be found. Even the Grand Lodge of Ireland, although consenting, felt compelled to record their dissatisfaction.

Lodges, 22; members, 2,772; increase, 104.

Robert K. Stephenson (Wilmington), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram, (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

96th Communication, Washington, Dec. 19, 1906.

Walter A. Brown, G. M.

The lodges are in splendid condition, both numerically and financially; harmony prevails and the prestige of the Craft has been maintained on the same high level as in the past.

At nearly all of the Grand Visitations a fine programme of entertainment of a highly instructive and pleasing nature was furnished.

On the subject of the attendance of non-Masonic organizations at Masonic funerals, the Grand Master says :

January 16, 1906, a communication, embodying the admirable report made at the last annual communication by a special committee regarding the rights and privileges of non-Masonic organizations at Masonic funerals, was sent to all Masonic bodies in the District of Columbia and to other fraternal societies. Masters of Lodges were requested to see that the representatives of non-Masonic societies which desire to participate in funerals are consulted in a spirit of fraternal

comity, and that such organizations are accorded all their rights under the Burial Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

The communication was sent to non-Masonic societies in the hope that they would gain a better understanding of the funeral regulations of the Masonic fraternity, which contemplate giving them all privileges not in conflict with the ancient customs of our institution, from which there can be no deviation if the institution is to be preserved in its integrity.

In reply to this communication a letter was received from Mr. Ernest W. Bradford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the District of Columbia, from which I quote as follows :

Entertaining as we do the highest respect for our sister order, and desiring in every proper way to promote a spirit of fraternal respect and courtesy between the two great fraternities, it will ever be our aim to avoid any cause for friction and unpleasantness whenever bodies of the two organizations shall be brought in contact, particularly at the funerals of departed brothers who may have been members of both. If a sufficient number of the circulars are furnished, we will distribute them among the several lodges I. O. O. F. of the District of Columbia, with the direction that every effort be made to promote harmony and cordial intercourse between our order and the Masonic order, each observing the rights of the other, and thus seeking to avoid discord and to promote mutual fraternal respect.

It gives me great pleasure to record the fact that the writer of the foregoing truly fraternal sentiments, creditable alike to himself and to the great order he represents, has since become a member of the Craft.

Action on the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was "deferred indefinitely." This was done to preserve "the comity which has ever existed between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and of the District of Columbia." Other Grand Lodges have accorded recognition and we have not heard of any declaration of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodges of England or Scotland in consequence, nor are we likely to. It was also decided that their Grand Secretary "be authorized to continue to exchange reports" with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and if this is not recognition, it is something very like it.

Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George W. Baird. In his review of Maine, he quotes a remark by the Grand Master that "France is in the midst of a mighty struggle growing out of a determined effort to separate Church and State," and then says :

We do not think he has put it quite right. We think the French government is making an effort to free itself from the yoke of certain Romish orders. The church and state are

bound by certain agreements in a compact known as the Concordat. We have a copy before us. While the concordat gives certain privileges and money consideration to the church, it also imposes certain duties. We have the assurance of Monsieur Combes, the premier, that while the church has taken advantage of every condition, it has violated every precept in the concordat. France has ever guaranteed to the statutory secular bishops and clergy all the conditions warranted in the concordat; but it does not bow its head in submission to the monastic orders which have been installed there in violation of the concordat. A few years ago Captain Dreyfus was court-martialed, convicted and sentenced to penal servitude on Devil's Island. The Court of Appeals (cassation) confirmed the verdict. Dreyfus is a Mason. But now the highest court has concluded that Bro. Dreyfus is innocent, as the crime charged was never committed. We have always believed the offense of Dreyfus was that he belonged to the Masons.

Our proceedings of 1906 receive due attention.

Lodges, 27; members, 7,999; increase, 293.

Francis J. Woodman. (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston, (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

We have only the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of March 6, 1907, at which the sum of £1,000 was voted for the relief of the brethren in Kingston, Jamaica, who were sufferers by the earthquake.

FLORIDA.

78th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 15, 1907.

Charles W. Johnson, G. M.

With the exception of a couple of cyclones or tornadoes the State has been free from harm and the prosperity of past promises continuance. The condition of the Craft is most encouraging. Eight new lodges were organized.

At one of his visits the Grand Master conferred the third degree on three brothers, the father of the three being present at the lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. As to the Valle de Mexico, the Committee say that there are many good reasons why recognition should not yet be accorded.

Bro. Silas B. Wright presented a very excellent report on Correspondence. In his review of Oregon, he says :

Grand Lodge Officers and Orators in the States are apt to burst into flights of eloquence over the democracy of Masonry because "no man is regarded for his worldly wealth or sta-

tion." Commenting upon a paragraph in the oration of Brother Dunlap, orator of Kansas, Brother Hodson reminds us that in the States Masonry is democratic as now taught and practiced; that in England the Grand Master can only be of royal blood, in Ireland nothing less than a Duke can occupy the oriental chair. Masonry in its traditions is a despotism and the Grand Master the absolute ruler of the craft. It is in the States, and particularly the newer western States, when the Grand Master has been made simply a presiding officer, that the "democratic" idea has been carried to an extreme and Masonry has lost much of its identity. Compare these new jurisdictions with those further east which are comparatively old, and where Masonry has been taught, unchanged over an hundred years, and note the changes. The different stages of development or "modernizing" is observable as we go toward the setting sun, and we often wonder if American Masonry will drift so far from its original, that, like the "Masonry" as now found in Germany it will be characterized as having very little of the original left.

On the formation of Grand Lodges and with special reference to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, Bro. Wright has the following :

We have been unable to find any law or ancient regulation which requires directly or indirectly that a majority of all lodges in the jurisdiction shall unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge. Finding that there was no law which required more than three lodges to unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland united in an agreement that they would not recognize one formed with less than a majority. That agreement was not adopted and published until long after the Grand Lodge of Queensland was an accomplished fact. Such has not been the custom or precedent as will be seen by the long list quoted by us in our review of Queensland. We are unable to agree that it is a custom or requirement that a majority of all lodges is required.

In ascertaining the number required, the question will arise as to whether it will require a majority of those under each constitution or of all in the state or colony?

One of the most conclusive arguments against there being any such rule is the statement made by one of the Grand Lodge officers in the Grand Lodge of England when he called attention to the fact that "there was no rule and that it was desirable and necessary that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland should agree to one."

Such a rule has been claimed by England but has not been admitted by a large majority of the Grand Lodges of the world, and most of the Grand Lodges formed in the English colonies have been by a less number. The committee of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey presented an exhaustive and interesting report in 1858, where the question of the recognition of Canada was up to which we will refer in our report on Queensland.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive complimentary mention.

Lodges, 166; members, 7,228; increase, 558.
Elmer E. Haskell, (Patlatka), G. M.
Wilber P. Webster, (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

120th Communication, Macon, Oct. 30, 1906.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

Our brethren of Georgia are to be congratulated upon the possession of an exceptionally able and zealous Grand Master, and also upon their determination to keep him in office, as they have done for a number of years past. He made many visits and his zeal and devotion have aroused enthusiasm all over the State. The brilliancy of his exordium may be judged from the following sample :

My Brethren : Let us, in thought, turn back three thousand years, to the birth place of Masonry, to the Land of Judea, to the city of the great king. We are once more in old Jerusalem. Before us, on Moriah's sacred crest, the wondrous temple stands, in beauty and in grandeur. Its golden spearheads pierce the clouds. Its pillars and its pilasters shine resplendent and beautiful. Upon it rests the Shekinah of the living God. It is the marvel of the ages, the pride of Israel, a magnificent monument to the skill and devotion, the power and the glory of David's royal son.

It is the Day of Atonement—the great white fast of the Jews. From far and near the assembled tribes have come. A mighty host is here, in festal garments clad. For on this day the High Priest shall make atonement for the people's sins. Thronged are the Temple's courts. Levite and priest, prophet and king, sinner and saint are here. The iniquities of the nation shall be washed away. Though they be as scarlet, they shall become white as wool.

Suddenly a hush falls on the assembled host. Profoundest silence reigns. All eyes are turned toward the East, the place of the Sanctuary. Purified by many baths, arrayed in garments of spotless white, the High Priest enters the Holy Place—the Sanctum Sanctorum—where the presence of the Most High in splendor and in glory rests. With clean hands with concreate heart, with pure lips, with a spirit sanctified by prayer, he pronounces the Ineffable name—the great, sacred, mysterious name of God. And when that awful name is pronounced, in sanctity and purity, by the lips of the High Priest, that countless host of Israel's faithful sons prostrate themselves, falling upon their faces, and exclaim : "Blessed be the name of the glory of His Kingdom forever and ever!" Oh, it was a glorious and an awe-inspiring sight—a nation prostrate at Jehovah's feet ! A people bowed in reverential awe ! The painter's brush, the poet's pen, the prophet's burning words cannot fittingly portray that great and wondrous scene. The hearts of the people were aglow with holy gladness. The

nation was at peace with itself, with its Creator, with all mankind. The smile of God illumined all the land with joy.

And when the High Priest emerged from the Divine Presence, says the stately ritual of the Jewish Church, 'how glorious was his appearance when he came forth from the Sanctuary. Like an amethyst set in a crown; like a ruby fixed in a mitre; like crystal set in gold; like the luster of a carbuncle; like the moon when shining in her greatest luster; like the sun when he goeth forth in his strength; even as the stars of heaven, as an angel of the Lord, shone the face of the High Priest!'

Brethren, between that day and this, thirty centuries of great deeds and fateful history roll. The Temple, so spacious and beautiful, about which clustered the holiest recollections, the center of a nation's hopes and prayers, has been by vandal hands destroyed. The People of the Book—glorious even in disaster—have been scattered far and wide, to Earth's remotest bounds. Priests and prophets are no more. Altar and sanctuary have been laid waste. Even the land of the blessed memories is in the hands of the stranger.

But Masonry has survived. Ten thousand temples have arisen in splendor to testify in every land that the heritage of our fathers will never perish. In every true Masonic heart the Holy Spirit dwells. Upon our altars burn the fires of love and faith and duty.

And as I stand this day, on consecrated ground, my mind goes back to that great scene in old Jerusalem. For is not this day, too, set apart for the glory of God and the honor of Masonry? You, too, have come from every part of this imperial commonwealth to pay homage to Him, the Architect Supreme, who rules the destinies of men. You have laid aside the vestures of rank, and wealth, and power and glory. You have come with clean hands, with pure hearts, with souls aglow with sacred enthusiasm. Purged of earth's dross and free from every unworthy motive, you have come to lay upon the altar of Masonry the first fruits of your love and devotion.

And as I look upon this mighty host of loyal, faithful craftsmen, who have assembled to take part in this, our One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication, it seems to me that your faces glow with the holy radiance that illumined the countenance of the High Priest when he communed with the visible Presence of Divinity.

Once more, my brethren, it is my pleasure and my privilege to announce to you that the year just closing has been one of unprecedented prosperity. It has been a year of growth and progress, a year of unbounded enthusiasm, a year of noble deeds and high endeavor, a year that will live forever in the history of Georgia Masonry.

Our numbers have increased to nearly three times ten thousand; many new Lodges have been instituted; our treasury is full to overflowing; our harmony has not been disturbed by any untoward event; our Home has sheltered the aged, the widow and the fatherless; we have raised the moral standard high, making manhood and character our only tests. And

having been so blest with every good and perfect gift, should we not, like hosts of ancient Israel, in all humility and thankfulness exclaim: "Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and ever."

Preliminary steps were taken for the erection of a new Grand Lodge building in Macon.

The evening session of the first day was devoted entirely to social features.

A Jewel of the Eastern Star was ordered for presentation to Mrs. F. E. Wolihin, with a highly complimentary address. Mrs. Wolihin is the widow of their former Grand Secretary, and the mother of the present one. Her great assistance to her husband and son in the discharge of their duties and her many acts of kindness to the delegates called forth this unanimous expression of approval and esteem.

Alberta was recognized and the request of Cosmos Grand Lodge in Mexico for recognition was refused.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. Q. Moody, and reviews Canada for 1905.

Under Georgia law, if a brother says he is unable to pay his dues, that "squares" his account, both with the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge.

Lodges, 505; members, 27,620; increase, 2,331.

Max Meyerhardt, (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin, (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

39th Communication, Boise, Sept. 10, 1906.

Jeremiah W. Robinson, G. M.

He visited all the forty lodges except five and reports all in a very excellent and prosperous condition. The growth of Masonry has kept pace with the general prosperity of the State. The Grand Lecturer was kept constantly in the field with good results in the work.

Fraternal relations were restored with the Grand Lodge of New York.

Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George F. Knepper. In his review of Canada for 1905, he has the following:

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are singularly free from everything save figures.

An historical address was delivered by Brother J. Ross Robertson, and was a splendid effort. Beautiful in diction, re-

markable in scope and variety, it is a document which will repay careful and painstaking study.

In the evening at eight o'clock the officers and members of Grand Lodge, accompanied by their lady friends, attended a grand concert in the Armouries.

The revised constitution is printed in full in the volume of proceedings and together with the rules of the Grand Lodge cover fifty closely printed pages.

The celebration of the semi-centennial so far as we could learn consisted in the reading of the historical address.

The Report on Correspondence is again written by Brother Henry Robertson. For a man of his ability his reviews are too short. He writes well and his judgment is excellent. He gives Idaho half a page which is relatively all we deserve as he uses but 86 pages for all. If we were offering suggestions to the Grand Lodge of Canada we would say condense the reports of your D. D. G. M.'s and give us more of Brother Robertson.

Lodges, 40; members, 2,251; increase, 195.

William F. Smith (Mountainhome), G. M.

Theophilus W. Randall, (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

67th Communication, Chicago, October 2, 1906.

Chester E. Allen, G. M.

The Craft has made substantial progress during the year, nearly all the lodges evincing a vigorous activity. Six new lodges were opened.

On finding homes for children the Home Trustees say:

One year ago, this Grand Lodge approved the plan of finding homes for children, so far as it could be done. As this was a new departure, your board felt that it should be careful in formulating plans for this work. Proper care for placing children in suitable families and then a careful supervision of them after they were so located seemed of utmost importance. This has been done and much correspondence has been had with various persons who sought children. In one case a good home was found for a boy eight years old. The child was selected, but it was discovered that his guardian objected to his being taken out of the Home to be placed in a family. This ended this case as no consent was given in the application blank upon which the child was admitted. The admission of children in the future will be made with this in view and it is sincerely hoped that many will be placed where it is believed that they will have better training than is possible in any institutional home. There have been other applications, but in most cases, the people wanted merely the services of the children without making them members of the family. With new regulations, we hope to do more in the coming year than has been possible in the past.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was cordially recognized.

The Grand Lodge resolved to affiliate with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The following report by Bro. Joseph Robbins, the Chairman of Correspondence, was adopted:

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relating to the complaints of certain German grand lodges, and the correspondence incident thereto, have had the same under consideration.

To obtain a clear understanding of the situation it must be borne in mind that the grand lodges from or through which these complaints have come—the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, are confederated with six other German grand lodges in the German Grand Alliance (Grosslogen-Bund), these other six grand lodges being the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Grand National Lodge of Germany, and the Grand Lodge of Royal York of Friendship, at Berlin; the Grand Lodge of Concord, at Darmstadt; the Grand Lodge of Saxony, at Dresden, and the Grand Lodge of the Sun, at Bayreuth. Of this alliance the grand master of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union is for the time being the managing director.

During his headship the managing director is the mouthpiece of all the grand lodges in the confederation, in matters of this kind, each of them having given over the entire control of its foreign relations to the general body.

Under these conditions, in January last the Grand Master received a letter from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the substance of which is so completely embraced in the first paragraph of the reply as to preclude the necessity of repeating it here, as the body of the reply of Grand Master Allen, sent through our Grand Secretary to Will Schwanck, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, is here reproduced as follows:

Dear Sir:—The letter of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, of December 27, 1905, covering the complaint of one of its constituent lodges, "Zu den drie Sternen," that one of its members had been refused admission to Illinois lodges notwithstanding he had proved by a valid certificate that he was a brother of the third degree, has been laid before the Grand Master, the M. W. Chester E. Allen, who directs me to say:

First. That lodges in Illinois are not permitted to admit as visitors those whose claim to the Masonic character rests on documentary evidence alone.

Second. That neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power in this jurisdiction to compel a lodge to admit a visitor who is not persona grata to all the members, no matter how thoroughly his Masonic status has been established, the rule being that the objection of a single member will exclude him and that such objection cannot be overruled.

Third. That however willing all the members of an Illinois lodge might be personally to admit as a visitor a member of a lodge belonging to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, they could not do so under existing conditions. It can hardly have escaped the attention or the memory of your Grand Lodge that when the Grand Lodge of New York had occasion to protest against the invasion of its otherwise universally recognized jurisdiction by the planting within its territory of a daughter lodge by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in common with all other Grand Lodges in the United States of America, interdicted all Masonic intercourse between Illinois lodges and Masons and the lodges and individual Masons of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. That edict is still in full force, and so tenacious of the absolute exclusiveness of their jurisdictional rights within their own boundaries, are the Grand Lodges of this continent, that there seems to Grand Master Allen not even a remote possibility that the interdict will be lifted so long as the lodges whose establishment evoked it, are maintained by your authority.

The Grand Master therefore most earnestly hopes that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg may see its way clear to take the initiative in rendering, so far as Grand Lodge action may do, the recurrence of the events complained of by you, improbable if not impossible.

As a new generation of Masons has grown up since the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was placed under the ban by the Grand Lodges of the United States, each of which in its sovereign capacity and unhampered by any entangling alliances, voluntarily came to the support of the doctrine of the rightfully exclusive jurisdiction of each grand lodge within the political boundaries of the state wherein such grand lodge exists, it is proper to reproduce here the self-explanatory resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York on September 2, 1851, within whose territory that principle had been attacked:

"Resolved, That the body formerly known as Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, be, and the same is, hereby declared irregular, and all Masonic intercourse with them prohibited. And whereas the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has refused to accede to our affectionate remonstrance against granting a warrant to Pythagoras Lodge No. 86, all Masonic intercourse be, and the same is, hereby suspended between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg until she recalls said warrant."

In June last the same complaint was again brought to Grand Master Allen's attention and this time by Grand Master Fritz Auerbach of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, its identity, while not disclosed in his letter printed below being assured by a reference to pages 8-11 to which the letter calls attention:

Frankfort-on-the-Main, June 11, 1906.

To the Venerable Grand Lodge of Illinois in Chicago, Bloomington, Ill., U. S. A.:

Venerable, Beloved Brethren: I have the honor to transmit to you enclosed the reports of the German Grand Lodge No. 3, 1905-6, and request you to take notice of the documents concerning your Venerable Grand Lodge, pages 8-11.

The contents of these documents have engaged the Grand Lodge and in accordance with an adopted resolution, I request of your Venerable Grand Lodge an official declaration, how it intends to act in regard to the complaints contained therein. We assume that your Venerable Grand Lodge will not approve of the rejection of brethren from German Lodges, that belong to the Allied German Grand Lodges.

Should we err in this, or should your Grand Lodge not recognize one of these Grand Lodges, then all the eight German Grand Lodges, united in the German Alliance of Grand Lodges, would be induced to withdraw their recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

With fraternal esteem I greet you, I. D. U. H. Z.

AUERBACH,

Grand Master of the Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union of Freemasons, at present Managing Director of the German Alliance of Grand Lodges.

The adopted resolution to which Grand Master Auerbach refers is herewith given :

The Mother Grand Lodge, Fritz Auerbach, Grand Master, No. 6 Palmengarten Strasse, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, refers to pages 8 to 11 of the 1905-6 proceedings of the German Grand Lodge No. 3, relative to action by certain Illinois lodges against members of the Fraternity under German jurisdiction. He desires to know whether or not the Illinois Grand Lodge is responsible for this action and requests an expression as to the intentions of the Illinois Grand Lodge in the matter. He states that if the Grand Lodge of Illinois will not accord satisfactory recognition to German Masons the eight Grand Lodges of Germany will unite in taking similar action against Illinois.

To this letter the Grand Master replied as follows:

Mr. Fritz Auerbach, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union of Freemasons, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany:

Most Worshipful and Dear Brother: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous communication of June 11, 1906, addressed to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, and calling attention to certain matters recorded on pages 8 to 11 of the reports of the German Lodge No. 3, 1905-6, and asking for an official declaration respecting the intended attitude of our Grand Lodge towards the complaints therein referred to. In reply I beg to assure you that I shall have much pleasure in laying your communication before the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its annual meeting, which will occur October 2, 1906, for the consideration and action of that body.

Meanwhile I beg to recall your attention to the letter from our Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful J. H. C. Dill, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, appearing on pages 10 and 11 of the report to which you invite the attention of our Grand Lodge, and particularly to the paragraphs numbered "First" and "Second," as indicating the rule not only of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but of all or nearly all American Grand Lodges with respect to visiting brethren.

That it is not aimed at Masons made in German lodges is manifest from the fact that it applies equally to Masons made in Illinois.

The only German Masons which the Grand Lodge of Illinois forbids its lodges to admit as visitors are those of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, who were placed under the ban for reasons given in the letter to the Grand Secretary of Hamburg, above referred to, by an interdict antedating by many years the existence of the German Grand Lodge Alliance.

For the last few months there has been an undercurrent of rumor that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has withdrawn the warrant of the lodge which it has so long maintained within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York and that it now maintains no daughter lodges in this country. It is devoutly to be hoped that this may prove to be true, and thus the way be opened for the withdrawal by the Grand Lodges of the United States of the interdict against Hamburg Masons, but thus far this rumor has not been officially confirmed.

I have the honor to remain, with sentiments of high personal regard.

Yours fraternally,

C. E. ALLEN, Grand Master.

Your Committee has reproduced the letters of Grand Master Allen for the double reason that it is desirable that they should be fresh in your minds when you are called upon to vote upon the recommendation of this Committee that the Grand Lodge should formally approve the same, and because in setting forth the rules governing the admission of visitors to our lodges, it may be seen that he has already made it plain that it is the intention of this Grand Lodge that so far as its power extends, the Masons of all other jurisdictions not specifically laid under the ban of non-intercourse by its order, shall stand on the same footing and be subject to the same rules as those made in lodges working under its own charters, no more, no less.

The threat that should the Grand Lodge of Illinois not recognize one of the Grand Lodges united in the Alliance of German Grand Lodges, then the alliance would withdraw their recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois comes with bad grace from a body which, by virtue of its constituent bodies having given over to it the control of their foreign relations has had in its hands the power to compel them to keep the peace, has, ever since its organization, permitted one of them to maintain a thorn in the side of a jurisdiction with whom all the rest of its constituents were in fraternal relations, and to defy the universal sentiment and flout the settled policy of the Western Masonic World, while, at the same time they were claiming for the alliance the same exclusive jurisdiction whose violation by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg they were condoning.

The Grand Master echoed the universal sentiment of this Grand Lodge when he expressed the hope that the rumored abandonment of the policy which Hamburg had defiantly pursued for over half a century would prove to be true, and that hope was greatly stimulated by the statement by one of the Committees of the Grand Lodge of New York that the war-

rant of the lodge so long maintained by Hamburg within that jurisdiction had been withdrawn; and whilst no action was taken the statement of the Jurisprudence Committee, to whom the matter was referred, that correspondence had been inaugurated with other Grand Lodges equally interested in the principles involved, excited the expectation that other grand lodges would soon have official information of so happy an event. But the fact that the managing director of the Alliance having the foreign affairs of Hamburg in its keeping, writing to Grand Master Allen six weeks after the Grand Lodge of New York had met and closed, made no response to the latter's expressed hope, naturally excites the apprehension that the hope may yet longer be deferred.

Your committee recommends the approval of the letters of Grand Master Allen to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Grand Master Auerbach, as reflecting the fraternal sentiments of this Grand Lodge; and further recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois holds that under the law of Masonry no visitor can be admitted to a lodge whose claim to the Masonic status rests on documentary evidence alone.

Resolved, That it has for many years been the well settled law of this jurisdiction, that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power to compel a lodge to admit a visitor against the objection of a member thereof, even though such visitor be known and recognized by all the members as a lawful Mason.

Greetings were extended to Bro. Joseph Robbins on the fiftieth anniversary of his becoming a Mason.

Bro. J. H. C. Dill, who was Grand Secretary for thirteen years, received a cordial vote of thanks on his retirement.

In his review of Canada for 1905, Bro. Robbins says:

The historical address of Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, sketching with broad strokes the origin of Masonry, and its history in the mother country, and more minutely the history of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a paper of great interest, is also one of great value because its author has brought to his subject the modern methods of historical study, appealing to the records instead of to his imagination or to ritualistic tradition for his facts.

Lodges, 743; members, 79,712; increase, 4,686.

Chester E. Allen, (Galesburg), G. M.

Isaac Cutter, (Camp Point), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

33rd Communication, Ardmore, Aug. 14, 1906.

Richard W. Choate, G. M.

Bro. Choate says that the world at large has been amaz-

ed at the rapid, wonderful strides Masonry is making in this sturdy commonwealth. We copy one of the opening paragraphs of the address :

In many respects this has been the most prosperous year that this Grand Jurisdiction has ever experienced. The bountiful yield of the soil in all kinds of agricultural produce, the extensive output of our coal mines, the successful development of our oil industry, the large amount of capital invested in railroads and electric plants, and the tide of immigration now turned toward our new state—the forty-sixth star on our flag — all these progressive tendencies help to shape our destiny and contribute to the advancement of our Statehood in wealth and in population. This general prosperity has been reflected in the advancement of Freemasonry. New temples have been built, others are in progress of construction and many new lodges have been added to our roster.

Seventeen new lodges were opened.

A committee was appointed to receive applications and bids for the location of a Masonic Home.

As Indian Territory and Oklahoma now form one State, steps were taken for the merger of the two Grand Lodges. The following resolution was adopted :

Be it resolved, that the in-coming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, for the purpose of considering a plan of merger or union of the two Grand Lodges into one Grand Lodge. And in the event said committee of three is able to agree upon the terms and conditions of said union, it report the same to the Grand Master of said Grand Jurisdictions, who in turn will submit plans, with all the details thereof, to their separate subordinate lodges, and by proclamation convene the subordinate lodges within a period of sixty days thereafter for the purpose of determining the advisability of effecting said union, upon the terms and conditions as authorized by said committee.

The Master and Secretary of each lodge shall certify the result of their action to their respective Grand Masters, and in the event of the majority of said subordinate lodges in each of said Grand Jurisdictions, shall be in favor of such union, then the Grand Master of the Indian Territory shall take such steps as may be necessary in carrying out said plans.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey, and includes Canada for 1905.

William A. McBride, (Atoka), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow, (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

63rd Communication, Des Moines, June 5, 1906.

William H. Norris, G. M.

The address is carefully prepared and shows the excellent condition of the Craft in clear relief.

The reports of the Grand Secretary are, as usual, thorough and extensive. Their magnificent library is his peculiar care and pride.

A list of 36 questions had been prepared by the Committee on chartered lodges and sent to every lodge. Answers were received from over ninety-five per cent. of the lodges and very full details were thus acquired. After giving a condensed summary of the replies, the Committee say :

You will observe from these figures that the total receipts of the lodges in Iowa during the year 1905 were \$179,327.89 ; that the paid dues on December 31, 1905, were \$29,040.09, or 80 cents for each member in good standing at the close of the year of 1905 ; that the cash on hand December 31, 1905, was \$213,085.35 ; that the value of the real and personal property of the lodges in this jurisdiction is \$732,881.81, making total assets of the subordinate lodges \$945,967.16, which does not include the \$29,040 unpaid dues. To this total amount should be added the value of the property owned by the Grand Lodge, which includes the library and the grounds at Cedar Rapids, cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and in the hands of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, which brings the total value of the property owned by the Blue Lodge Masons in Iowa over \$1,000,000.

We venture that few of the craft realize that our Iowa Blue Lodge Masonry is a million dollar institution, with an annual income of \$180,000, and carrying a cash balance of over \$200,000. A goodly sum for the protection of the widow and orphan, or the assistance of the victims of disaster, or the infirmities of age. We are pleased to note that many of our lodges are investing in permanent homes, and that nearly one-fourth of them are occupying lodge rooms dedicated to Masonry, and over one-half have lodge rooms where only Masonic lodges are permitted entry.

The proper items show that the various lodges are reasonably protected by insurance on their properties, but an insufficient number seem to have protection for their records in the way of fire-proof safes. We urge all who possibly can to take this proper protection.

The item showing that nearly \$30,000 was carried on the books of the lodges as unpaid dues strikes us as being entirely too large. We believe that a prompt collection of dues is a Masonic as well as official duty, and if fraternally insisted on will lead to a decrease in the number of suspensions for the non-payments, as well as the material welfare of the lodge.

The average of expenses to receipts shows a healthy business condition, and in the individual cases, that lodges with more than sufficient revenue to cover necessary expenses are the strong, progressive and influential fraternal organizations in their localities. We again recommend that lodges should advance their dues to an amount that will realize them more than the bare running expenses, in order that they may steadily accumulate a fund for emergent charity, an occasional social feature, and the betterment of their lodge accommodations. Make your lodges fully as comfortable and inviting as any other place you frequent, and then use them, both for the business of the lodge and festival or informal occasions.

Alberta was recognized.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France, laid over from last year, came up and was indefinitely postponed.

The introduction to the report on Correspondence, by Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe, is well worthy of preservation :

In this place I would urge the necessity for deeper thought ; for a closer study of the things which Masonry holds and yet so well conceals. Schools for instruction are indeed numerous, but teaching therein is largely confined to matters of form and words—the real esoteric finds no place in their curriculum. Should not some attention be also given to the underlying meanings—some attempt be made to gain knowledge of lost or forgotten significances ? Rather in the spirit of suggestion than of criticism would we say that Lodges and Grand Lodges imagine all duties met and well performed if but the body of the Craft is amply nourished and and well appareled.

To every man, whether in Masonry or elsewhere, that knowledge comes which is most ardently desired and most earnestly sought. For our Initiates there is "no royal road to learning." They can not attain to light and to understanding of the mysteries by any occult process or comprehensive revelation. Our ceremonies confer no Pentecostal gift of tongues ; they give no thaumaturgic key to unlock the secrets of the universe ; no cabalistic formula to open, with magic force, the arcane of higher wisdom. One made a Mason, duly and truly prepared in heart and understanding, is only put thereby in closer touch and finer adjustment with the moral and intellectual forces of the world ; the benefits to be derived will depend entirely upon his own zeal, his industry and his capacity.

We have yet to learn something from the old operative craft, into which the apprentice came as pupil in a practical school. The simple ceremony of entrance did not qualify him as critic of his guild nor as a judge of his elder brethren. He entered upon a period of discipline, subordinating his own untrained impulses to the instructions and commands of those having acknowledged skill. Only when ruder tasks

had taught obedience might he essay some simple detail of the great design. His learning gained and grew with labor; repeated failures brought success. With an infinite patience he labored through the long apprentice years, while cunning workmen taught him all the secrets of the craft. His was reward of weariness and toil when mere mechanic skill had ripened to the artist's thought and touch. On himself, in final test of worthiness, depended all advancement and reward. The perfect transmutation of theory into practice, the trained qualities of head and heart and hand—these made the ancient fellow and the master of craft, and not the formal record of entrance.

Let us be frank one with another in this our survey of Masonry as it is, or rather as it seems to be. If the work of our lodge rooms is to be appraised at value of words, there is nothing in all the ritual which rises above the commonplace of dogma. Its outward teachings are but the elementary lessons of age-old moralities. Considered of themselves they give no new grasp of life and its problems; they furnish no reasonable hypothesis by means of which we may account for the mysteries of existence. Yet all these things are implied and even asserted. Giving attention only to the phraseology of Masonry we catch only faint glimpses of its rich philosophy. Yet it is within such limitations that Masonry is viewed by many of its adherents. Is it any wonder that with insufficient knowledge of the fraternity the *cui bono* comes to many an honest brother with insistent force?

Yet I need not in this presence assert that Masonry is more than formula; that in the adytum of our Temple there is revealed some portion of the eternal verities. To one who has learned aught beyond its words Masonry attracts by its history, charms with its philosophy, and by the very power of thought it holds together pure hearted, clean handed men in ceaseless service for their fellows. The Fraternity is now, and will continue to be, an active force in the world. Its power for good will increase as we learn more fully to use its organized influence. Even now among the nations, all unsuspected, it is substituting the evangel of peace for the ancient and ruthless law of strife and bitterness; teaching ever the great lesson of common brotherhood, in which there is "neither border nor breed nor birth"; seeking in all things to bring nearer the reign of righteousness on earth.

For these great purposes—

"Work, brothers mine, with hand and brain,
To win the golden age again;
Till Love's millennial morn shall rise
In happy hearts and blessed eyes,
And all the world may know that we
Are Knights in God's own chivalry."

Canada for 1905 receives a good notice. We will have to violate our rule for once by quoting the following:

Bro. Robertson has the happy faculty of seizing upon the few really important things and concentrating attention upon these, to the exclusion of the trivial and ephemeral.

On the symbolism of the Two Pillars, Bro. Morcombe says :

In parting, we would suggest to Bro. Greenleaf, if he would grasp the full significance of Masonic symbolism, and the meaning of which the ritual conveys no hint, let him study the two great pillars. And these not as brazen incongruities placed before the temple of a barbaric tribe, but as they appear first in Masonic legend—the pillars set up to preserve the world's learning against flood and fire. And harking back to a further antiquity, let him trace development from the rude menhir over the ancestral tomb, to the duality which followed upon the prehistoric struggle of sex. And then having discovered mystical import of the binary, the path will lead to passage between the pillars of sun and moon, through which the first rays from the east shone into adytum of the temple. This was the gateway of the dead—the door which the initiate of old passed of stern necessity, that he might be born again by mystic death into broader, fuller life. This was the significance alike at Uxmal and upon the Nile. The Pythagorean conceptions reveal, while yet they conceal the mighty meaning. But we concern ourselves rather as to shape and height of those great pillars, because the clew is lost or that we are mentally indolent and will not search out and enjoy our own inheritance.

Lodges, 505 ; members, 36,736 ; increase, 1,007.

William F. Cleveland, (Harlan), G .M.

Newton R. Parvin, (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

IRELAND.

The Annual Report for 1906 contains the address of the Deputy Grand Master, Sir James C. Meredith, delivered at the stated communication in Dublin on St. John's Day, and the accounts and statistics, but otherwise there is no information as to what was done by the Grand Lodge.

From the address we make the following extracts :

Our Antrim brethren have done one thing more which I cannot pass from mention of the province without saying a word about. They have established and are now working—and I am thankful to say that it is working most satisfactorily—a Committee of Inspection for that province very much upon the lines of the Committee of Inspection which meets in this hall from fortnight to fortnight. They have followed, practically in its entirety, the practice of this Grand Lodge as to its Committee of Inspection. We Dublin Masons are in the habit of regarding ourselves as a very substantial body—I am glad to say we are—but we are as nothing compared with our brethren of the province of Antrim. In Belfast alone there are many more lodges than there are in the city of Dublin, and taking the province as a whole it

contains about three times the number of lodges which exist in the Metropolitan district; it is therefore obvious that for the well working of a body such as ours it is necessary that they should have a Committee of Inspection, because it is perfectly easy to understand how a man who had done anything wrong—a man who had not been found acceptable in one lodge—might find his way into some other lodge in the city, if there was not a board of the representatives of the different lodges meeting together to interchange views as to the fitness of the candidates proposed. Accordingly, in that vast province now no candidate can be initiated until his name has been approved by the Committee of Inspection of the province. I commend this matter to the other provinces as well worthy of imitation.

In North Munster a new lodge room has been built in Nenagh. In Limerick there exists a Masonic Club, which has a large membership. The Grand Master of the Province of North Munster, Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., has informed me that Lodge No. 13, in the city of Limerick, possesses two valuable antiquities—one a large silver cup, the other what is stated to be the oldest known Masonic jewel. This latter consists of a small brass square, found during the taking down of Ball's Bridge, in the city of Limerick, which was a very ancient structure, and was taken down in 1823. This jewel is dated 1517, that is as closely as possible 400 years ago, and it bears upon it this inscription :

"I will strive to live with love and care
Upon the level and by the square,"

which, I think, establishes the Masonic connection of that jewel. (Applause.)

As regards the silver cup, the history is exceedingly interesting. It was first referred to about the middle of the last century by one who was a most distinguished and pre-eminent Freemason at that time—Bro. Michael Furnell. Ten or twelve years ago it was the subject of an article published by our brother the Grand Treasurer, whom I think I may justly call The Great Antiquarian of the Order—and about three years ago a most interesting paper referring to it by our Bro. H. F. Berry, a Past Master of the Trinity College Lodge, appeared in the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. It appears that during the war of 1813 there was a worthy member of Lodge No. 13, Limerick—a namesake, by the way, of our present Grand Sword Bearer—he was the James Campbell of those days—(applause)—who was the owner of a sloop called "The Three Friends." While at sea he happened to fall in with the French privateer "Le Furet," which was commanded by Louis Marincourt. The French privateer captured "The Three Friends" and made the captain and crew prisoners of war, but Marincourt found that Campbell and he were brother Masons, and he immediately declared that he could not retain captive his Brother Campbell, and he therefore at once released him and his crew and restored to him his sloop. Bro. Campbell, on his return to Ireland, reported to the brethren in Limerick the generous treatment he had received at the hands of the Frenchman,

whereupon the members of Lodge No. 13 subscribed £100, which they invested in the purchase of a silver cup. Silver cups, in those days, remember, were a good deal dearer than silver cups are now. This cup, suitably inscribed, was, as soon as possible on the termination of the war, sent over to France to Bro. Marincourt with the fraternal greetings of Lodge No. 13. But poor Marincourt had died before the cup arrived, and his friends, after a short time, thinking it would be a memento which would be highly valued by the brethren in Limerick, returned the cup to Limerick, where it is now to be found as one of the sacred and valued possessions of Lodge No. 13, Limerick. (Applause.)

KANSAS.

51st Communication, Wichita, Feb. 20, 1907.

Thomas L. Bond, G. M.

The address indicates a thoughtful, zealous and efficient officer. We quote from the opening paragraphs:

Masonry is based upon a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. This, then, is the accepted time for true, earnest, enthusiastic lovers of their fellowmen to rally round the banner of Freemasonry. The correctness of this view has been shown by the record of the year. No preceding twelve months in the history of Kansas Masonry have shown such numerous accessions to our ranks, such zealous devotion on the part of our members, nor such avowed respect for our order on the part of those without the fold. Two thousand one hundred and seventy-eight brethren have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and the net gain for the year 1906 is fifteen hundred and ninety-seven.

I can, therefore, congratulate this M. W. Grand Lodge upon the record of the year; and I rejoice to be able to state that harmony and brotherly love prevail throughout this jurisdiction.

Of their Masonic Home, the Grand Master says:

Masonry is a charitable organization, and the heart of every Mason should swell with pride when his thoughts turn to the Kansas Masonic Home. I sincerely hope that every brother in attendance at this annual communication will visit that home during his stay in the city. This monument of practical philanthropy testifies strongly in favor of the claim that Masonry is the grandest organization that ever existed.

There are at present sixty-four guests in the home. Each is an indigent Mason, or the wife, widow, or orphan of a Mason. Their material wants are supplied; they are cared for and protected; the young are educated; the old are furnished with recreation and enjoyment. Each Kansas Mason contributes fifty cents per annum to the funds necessary for these purposes. In other words, through the co-operation of Kansas Masons, each brother is supporting, maintaining and caring for sixty-four worthy and deserving people at an annual expenditure of fifty cents. By contributing less than one-

cent a year each Kansas Mason supports a brother Mason or a Mason's wife, widow or orphan.

In the afternoon of the first day of the session the Grand Lodge after being called to refreshment, was escorted to the Masonic Home, where a programme of addresses and musical exercises was rendered in connection with the presentation to the Grand Lodge of a magnificent Chapel, erected by the Order of the Eastern Star of Kansas, at a cost of over \$10,000.

Alberta, Queensland, Porto Rico and Valle de Mexico were all recognized as regular Grand Lodges.

A number of lodges were suspended for 60 days and others for 30 days for failing to act or to report their action on a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Bro. Matthew M. Miller reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Lodges, 379; members, 28,764; increase, 1,579.

Edward W. Wellington, (Ellsworth), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson, (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

106th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 16, 1906.

James Garnett, G. M.

He found that the Grand Treasurer had on hand more money than was necessary to defray the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, so he drew warrants on the Grand Treasurer to pay \$20,500 of the notes held by the Widows and Orphans Home Board.

He opened nine new lodges.

We copy his remarks on their charitable institutions :

Among the first communications received after I was installed was one from an ex-employee of the home making complaint about the management of the internal affairs of the home. I caused a thorough investigation to be made, all the parties being present and the entire evidence heard being reduced to writing, which resulted in a complete refutation of the charges, and demonstrated the admirable management of the affairs of the home. In order that nothing be hid from the Craft I submit herewith the complete record which will be submitted to the appropriate committee and can be read by anyone desiring to do so.

In this connection I desire to tender the directors and superintendent and all the attaches of the home my thanks for the courtesies shown me during the past year.

It is quite gratifying to find that the different Masonic bodies at Louisville have taken a renewed interest in our Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Preston Lodge No. 281 has fitted up an infirmary; Falls City Lodge No. 376, Louisville Lodge No. 400, King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Eureka Chapter No. 101, the Scottish Rite and Kosiar Temple, the Order of Mystic Shrine, have each fitted up a dormitory in the home. All the work has been done in magnificent style. The action of these bodies should meet with our heartiest approval.

The Old Masons' Home is an institution which is rightfully dear to the hearts of all true Masons. Those of our number who are bowed down by age and infirmity, and are without means and relatives to care for them, have a home provided where they can spend their declining years in peace. In company with P. G. M. R. F. Peak and Bro. Elliott B. Beard, I visited the Old Masons' Home and spent the most pleasant evening with the dear old brothers who are sheltered therein.

This institution was established by the voluntary contributions made by Kentucky Masons and by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and is maintained, in part, by the products of its farm. At the last session of the Grand Lodge, June 24 was set apart to be celebrated for the benefit of the Old Masons' Home, and as directed by the Grand Lodge I addressed a communication to the Craft on January 1, 1906, calling attention to the action of the Grand Lodge, requesting every lodge to raise some money for this charity, and to immediately report to the Grand Secretary. I was informed by the Grand Secretary that forty-three lodges, with other Masonic bodies and brethren, have reported the collection of over \$4,000, which is in his hands subject to the orders of this Grand Lodge, in addition to the subscriptions made direct to the Board of Directors, the amount of which will be reported to you.

The interest manifested in the Widows and Orphans' Home by the different Masonic bodies at Louisville has aroused an interest in the Old Masons' Home, and the Scottish Rite have offered to fit up one of the wards in the new building as soon as it is complete. Bro. Frederick Webber, Secretary General of the Scottish Rite, who lives in Washington City, has also proposed to fit up one of the wards in the new building as soon as it is complete.

Bro. Frank C. Gerard presented the Grand Lodge with a "stonemason's hammer," made of stone, from the quarries in which King Solomon's workmen procured stone to build the Temple.

A revised Constitution was laid over till next meeting.

The Committee on Jurisprudence takes pleasure in stating again that Kentucky does not subscribe to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates.

The following was adopted as a regulation of the Grand Lodge until its next annual communication, and then to be treated as an amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That it shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged

in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes.

Any and all lodges guilty of violating this edict shall forfeit their charters.

Alberta was recognized.

A committee was appointed to formulate plans for greater uniformity in the work.

Their Widows and Orphans Home has 121 girls, 110 boys and 12 widows, all well cared for and happy.

In his review of Iowa, Bro. W. W. Clarke has the following remarks on non-affiliation :

There will always be in every Grand Jurisdiction those who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and the fact should not worry us much. Every lodge should see to it that no worthy member who is not able to pay dues is suspended, and if any have been suspended that they should be speedily be restored, the pitiable residue ought to be suspended and stay suspended ; the lodge doesn't need them, and the order is better without them. There is nothing to worry about ; rather cause for congratulation.

But for the demitted Masons we have a different word. They have met their financial obligations to their lodges, otherwise they could not have obtained their demits. They prefer order membership to lodge membership, and they have a right to exercise this preference, and herein lies our greatest objection to such legislation as the committee had under consideration, and we venture the prediction that ultimately the Grand Lodge of Iowa will find that thereby the evil is not minimized. We hold that no Mason can legally be deprived of a Masonic right or privilege except for correction of a Masonic crime ; and we hold that as an inheritance from his ancient non-lodge-member Masonic ancestor, every Mason has the right to membership in the order unless deprived thereof by correction for Masonic dereliction. Further, these lamentations over the prevalence of non-affiliation is an admission on the part of the order that it is not meeting or performing the conditions of its existence—it is not satisfying the desires and cravings of the human heart, or else by its drastic legislation it is driving out of it, from a sense of injustice, those who should be in it. Make your lodges what they ought to be ; let its members see that in Masonry there is something more than its ceremonies of initiation, which, by repetition, become tiresome, and we are of the opinion that such self-incriminating complaints will be heard no more.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 501 ; members, 28,593 ; increase, 1601.

Samuel K. Veach, (Carlisle), G. M.

H. B. Grant, (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

95th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 4, 1907.

L. C. Allen, G. M.

On the work of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, Bro. Allen says :

It is my privilege this year to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers of this lodge and to commend them for their zealous discharge of every duty. Only those who come in close touch with the work of the Louisiana Relief Lodge can understand and appreciate the great work they are doing. I might enumerate hundreds of cases where this lodge, through its officers, have relieved the distresses, buried the dead, and, in many ways, ministered to the wants of the needy. No need to sing their praises here. In the great beyond, where the records are accurately kept, the officers of the Louisiana Relief Lodge will receive their reward.

I commend the generosity of individual lodges and members who have contributed liberally towards the support of this lodge.

This Relief Lodge was founded in 1854, and is the only lodge in the world organized for such a purpose and operating under a charter from the State. Its labors are varied and consist in relieving distress in every form. "Saving the body of the stranger from an unknown grave, ministering to the wants of the living and speeding the stranded wayfarer on his homeward way." It is supported by voluntary contributions from lodges and individuals and at least \$500 per year from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master says that their Committee on Work has given them "the smoothest, most beautiful and most perfect esoteric work in the world." Seven new lodges were formed.

Alberta was recognized.

A resolution to prohibit lodge meetings on Sundays was lost by a vote of 205 to 270.

In his review of California, Bro. Herman C. Duncan has the following sensible remarks on Life Membership :

The Grand Lodge adopted a regulation for the creation of life members. It is very nearly like the Arizona proposition. The percentage expected to be earned is 6 per cent. This is much more reasonable than the Arizona 8 per cent. expectation, but both are too high. There is, however, a fatal error in the proposition—to wit, the expectation that money will always be worth 8 and 6 per cent. There was a time when Louisiana's best securities paid 10 per cent. They now bear 4 and 5. Everybody knows that the United States can get all the money it needs for 2 per cent. So the day may be

anticipated in California when its state and municipal securities will carry 4 or perhaps 2 per cent., and the income of the lodges from the life membership securities will not bring the income now estimated. It is true the death angel will lend his help to keep the balance true, but we must admit that we are not enamored of a scheme that is so largely dependent upon the unerring archer.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive due attention.

Lodges, 179; members, 10,584; increase, 831.

Lee E. Thomas, (Shreveport), G. M.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

87th Communication, Portland, May 1, 1906.

Hugh R. Chaplin, G. M.

On the issue of special dispensations, the Grand Master has the following sensible remarks :

I have refused a great many requests for dispensations, which would, in some respect, set aside a provision of the Constitution or some law of Masonry. In each case I have tried to do what I believed to be for the best interest of our institution.

The Constitution was adopted and it is continued in force by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge has a right to demand a full compliance with all its provisions. The Constitution, as the supreme law of this jurisdiction, in my opinion, does and should control the Grand Master as well as any other Mason. True, the Grand Master may, if he sees fit, in the exercise of the great power with which he is invested, issue a dispensation which may allow action, in certain particulars, contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, but it is my firm conviction that he should not do so except under very extraordinary circumstances.

For instance, some person who has had plenty of time to make application, so that his application could take the usual course, for reasons which have controlled him, has neglected to do so. He suddenly finds out that he is about to move away, and at the ninth hour he or somebody for him asks for a dispensation which will allow his application to be received and a ballot to be taken upon it at one and the same meeting.

In other words, the request is to have our general laws set aside in order that he may go away a Mason. If he goes into another jurisdiction, surely he can do Masonry in this State but little if any good. If he is only moving into the jurisdiction of another lodge in this State it will cause him only a little inconvenience to comply with our laws. In refusing dispensations in such cases I am frank to confess that convenience to the candidate has had little or no influence upon me. I have been guided rather by the idea that if a candidate really wishes to become a Mason, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he easily can and gladly will comply with our laws relating to his admission, and that the dignity of our institution demands that he should do so.

Bro. Chaplin also states clearly the position of the Grand Lodge of Maine on Masonic relief and re-imbursement :

The Grand Lodge of Maine holds that a lodge which assists a Mason has no claim for re-imbursement upon any other lodge, including the lodge to which the brother who was assisted belongs, unless the lodge against which the claim is made, promised, before the assistance was given, to reimburse the lodge which rendered the assistance.

This Grand Lodge is opposed to the doctrine, which has lately appeared, that when a man becomes a Mason he thereby becomes entitled to be relieved to the full extent of his wants, when in distress, even to his full support. In fact the Grand Lodge of Maine has repudiated that doctrine.

This Grand Lodge holds that a Mason's right to relief is limited by the extent of his distress and by the ability of the brother who assists, of which said ability the assisting brother is the sole judge under his Masonic obligation.

This Grand Lodge has resolved and holds,

"That the association of Masons in a lodge in no manner relieves them from their individual obligations, and that when they act as a lodge their duty and therefore that of the lodge is precisely the same as that of the individual. Masonic relief is never purchased or sold and therefore never creates a debt."

I make special mention of this because all of us desire to have the fundamental principles of our institution preserved, and because some Masons, even in this jurisdiction, seem to specially persist in trying to nullify or override the particular principles above stated. We should all be on our guard to prevent any such thing.

Further time was granted to the Committee to prepare regulations governing the admission of visitors.

The proposal to join in a Collegium of Grand Lecturers was declined.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Albro E. Chase. He reviews Canada for 1905, with numerous extracts.

Lodges, 202; members, 25,889; increase, 582.

Charles F. Johnson, (Waterville), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

31st Communication, Winnipeg, June 13, 1906.

William G. Scott, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and scholarly document. Bro. Scott was Grand Secretary for a number of years, and his experience and ability were of

great service to the Craft. On the condition of affairs, he says :

As the official head of Masonry in this jurisdiction permit me to congratulate you that we are permitted to assemble under such favorable auspices. Time's unceasing flow has brought a wealth of material blessing to our beloved country. We have been blessed with peace and the labors of our husbandmen have been rewarded with bounteous crops. Our Canadian west has been richly favored, never before in its history has such a rich harvest been garnered, never before have our granaries been so full, and meeting as we do in the leafy month of June, when every tree and shrub is clothed in the richness of its summer garb, with the prairies fresh and green, and the grain fields presenting a display of agricultural capabilities which gives promise of a most bounteous harvest, may well lead us to believe that we are fortunate in having our homes in this "garden spot of the world." Wonderful indeed are the changes that are taking place in this western land. The territory embraced in our Masonic jurisdiction is developing immense resources, the population is rapidly increasing and transportation facilities are bringing the remotest sections into close proximity to the commercial world. Our vast prairies are rapidly being brought under cultivation and will in a few years produce sufficient food to supply the millions of Europe.

Masonry is keeping pace with the advancement of the country, as at no time in the history of our Grand Lodge have we enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, no strife or ill-will has been engendered among the brethren, harmony and good will prevail throughout the jurisdiction. On every hand there are promises of increased growth. Our ranks are being augmented by the addition of worthy men from every vocation in life. As Freemasons, therefore, we have cause for great gratitude for our present position.

He recommended the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta and suggests a generous division of the funds.

He issued dispensations for eleven new lodges, seven of them in the new Province of Saskatchewan.

The two lodges in the Yukon Territory are reported in excellent condition. The trip from Dawson to Whitehorse and return consumes eight days. The brethren of Dawson have spent upwards of \$4,000 lately in improving their lodge hall.

Alberta was recognized and the application of Queensland was deferred.

Lodges, 86; members, 4,410; decrease, 376. This decrease, of course, is owing to the separation of the lodges in Alberta.

John McKechnie, (Winnipeg), G. M.

James A. Ovas, (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

120th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 20, 1906.

Thomas J. Shyrock, G. M.

It does not appear that any address was delivered by the Grand Master, and the proceedings are very brief. The 32 lodges in Baltimore are reported in good condition. No cases of grievance or complaints came before the Committee. The Lodge of Relief, which is composed of one representative from each of the City lodges, assisted 45 cases, besides taking care of a number from other jurisdictions.

Alberta was recognized. The request of Queensland was refused.

A Committee was appointed to consider the establishment of a Masonic Home.

A large number of veterans were present as visitors, one of them being 94 years of age, another a few years younger, and a third 84.

At the Semi-annual Communication in May a revised Constitution was adopted. The representatives of each lodge have, in Grand Lodge, collectively, one vote, and the Past Masters of each lodge have, collectively, one vote. If either the representatives of the Past Masters are evenly divided on any question the vote is lost. The minimum fee for the three degrees is \$50 in Baltimore and \$25 for the country lodges. The Grand Lodge fee on each initiation is \$7 in the city and \$5 in the country, and the dues \$2.20 and \$1.50 respectively.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presented his twentieth report on Correspondence. His long experience and great ability have made his reports very valuable. He is conservative in his opinions and believes thoroughly in Ancient Freemasonry pure and undefiled. In his review of Delaware he says:

We regard it an inalienable right of a member of a lodge to object to the presence of one not a member thereof.

The name of a visiting brother is announced to my lodge. I object to his admission. The Worshipful Master asks me to state my objection. I reply, the information I have regarding the character of this brother was given to me in strict confidence, I cannot disclose it without a violation of that confidence, or I may say, to disclose what I know regarding his brother will bring shame and confusion to innocent persons. The Master says: "You must state your objection, otherwise I will admit him." I reply, "Well, sir, I can-

not conscientiously sit in a lodge with him ; if he is admitted I must retire." He is admitted, and I retire and perhaps other brethren who have knowledge of the unsavory character of the brother likewise retire. Are not the peace and harmony of the lodge seriously disturbed thereby ? Is not the great importance of harmony strongly impressed upon the minds of brethren at the opening and closing of every lodge meeting ?

Canada for 1905 has a good notice. Bro. Schultz agrees with us in saying that when a Grand Lodge is "called off" it is still "open." In fact, a Grand Lodge is open until it is closed. This sounds rather like an axiom, but there is no Grand Lodge that we know of that does Masonic work when it is not open, except, perhaps, in Mexico.

Lodges, 110; members, 11,580; increase, 523.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in Boston on June 19, 1906, an address on Early Masonic History in America was delivered by Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, from which we make the following extracts. The whole address is very interesting and instructive, but much too long for our limited space:

We have the oldest Masonic records that are in existence on this continent. The first volume contains the records of the "Modern" Grand Lodge, which was established by Henry Price, under authority of the Grand Master of England, in 1733. This is the volume (showing to the brethren the volume referred to). The contemporaneous record commences in 1750. There were certain previous pages left blank for the insertion of documents and items of history which might be presented to the Grand Secretary during his administration, and which he might think it desirable to perpetuate by entering them in the records. They were probably modeled after the records of the Grand Lodge of England. I never saw the latter, but Grand Master Heard, Grand Master in 1857, 1858 and 1859, published in Moore's Magazine an article, reprinted afterwards in connection with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1871, in which he gave a fair account, I think, of what he found in the earliest records of that Grand Lodge. Their early pages were taken up largely with lists of lodges, even given the lists of members of those lodges. But our records contain nothing of that kind.

The record proper, as I have said, commences in April, 1750, and in the ten or twelve previous pages are the deputations to Henry Price and two of his successors. There is also

some account of the organization, under Price's authority, of the First Lodge in Boston, which he constituted on the thirtieth of August, 1733.

We have also the record of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, the whole of which is contained in this volume (holding up volume), which has been recently bound. We found that it was falling to pieces, and for its preservation we had a new cover put upon it. This Provincial Grand Lodge was organized by Joseph Warren on the twenty-seventh of December, 1769, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland was from its inception an "Ancient" Masonic organization. You know that the "Ancient" organization sprang from certain Irish Masons, who, about 1738 or 1740, brought to London the Royal Arch Degree, and they were always very strenuous to have it connected with the Third Degree. The proposal and the ritual that they presented and that they claimed to work did not meet with favor by the old Grand Lodge. The consequence was that, after considerable wrangling and ill-feeling, a new and opposition Grand Lodge was started against the old Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary, Laurence Dermott, who was a shrewd, able man, took advantage of changes that are said to have been made in the words of the three degrees—the old Grand Lodge having, it is said, transferred the word of the second to the first degree, in order to detect applicants to visit their lodges who belonged to the new association.

The "Ancient" Grand Lodge of London was probably organized about 1751 or 1752. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had always been friendly to this new movement, and eventually became known themselves as "Ancient" Masons.

All these facts seem to me to prove conclusively that our claim to have had the first regularly constituted lodge in this country is sound. That is all we have ever claimed—that the first regularly constituted lodge in America received its authority from Henry Price. That lodge was called the First Lodge in Boston. Often in the records it is described as "The Mother Lodge." In 1749 Thomas Oxnard granted a warrant for the second lodge. In 1783, John Rowe, Provincial Grand Master, granted a charter for these two lodges to unite, upon their petition, and the charter recites in full the request of these two lodges, naming the brethren who were prominent in them and who signed the petition. That lodge is still in existence, under the name of John's Lodge of Boston, certainly the oldest regularly constituted lodge existing in this country. It is in a very flourishing state, one of the largest lodges in our jurisdiction.

The principal meeting in the year is the quarterly in December, when the Grand Master delivers his annual address and the new officers are elected.

The address of M. W. Bro. John Albert Blake on December 12, 1906, is chiefly taken up with details of his visitations and other official business. He issued a *dis-pensation* for a new lodge in the Canal Zone on the *Isthmus of Panama*.

Every elected Grand officer received a unanimous vote, a circumstance which is believed to be unprecedented in their Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 243; members, 50,308.

John A. Blake (Malden), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

62nd Communication, Grand Rapids, May 22, 1906.

John Rowson, G. M.

The losses by death during the year include five Past Grand Masters, one of them being Bro. John W. McGrath, who was well and favorably known to many Canadians. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Past Grand Chaplain, will also be remembered by many of our Grand Lodge for his genial and happy disposition, as well as for his ability and zeal in the work of the Craft. An elaborate memorial service was held in Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reports seven new lodges.

On the exchange of lodge visits and the performance of work in other jurisdictions, Bro. Rowson says:

I find that Worshipful Masters and the officers of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are receiving visits from lodges in sister Grand Jurisdictions; are allowing the degrees to be conferred in their lodge rooms upon our material strictly against their obligation and instructions when installed into office. Such visits have been repeatedly denied by this Grand Lodge. Return visits have been made to these sister Grand Jurisdictions when the officers have exemplified the Michigan work upon a candidate of theirs. Why the officers persist in violating the orders of this Grand Lodge I fail to understand.

My brothers, pay your visits to foreign or sister Grand Jurisdictions, witness the exemplification of their work in their home lodges, where it can be done much more satisfactorily than away from home; extend your invitation to them to return the visits and show them Michigan work done in a Michigan lodge upon a Michigan novice by an up-to-date Michigan lodge. Then you will receive the encomium of this Grand Lodge.

Their Masonic Home has 51 inmates, and the average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$3.60. This is about 5 per cent. greater than the previous year, owing mainly to the increased cost of supplies.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The proposal of Colorado for a Collegium of Grand

Lecturers was disapproved by the adoption of the following report:

The work in the several Grand Jurisdictions is not uniform, and inasmuch as the Grand Lecturers have no power to make changes in the ritual, your committee can see no reason why the proposed action should be taken, and recommend that the same be disapproved.

On canvassing for office the following edict was adopted:

Sending out letters, circulars or solicitations of support for any office in this Grand Lodge, by or on behalf of any brother desiring to be elected to such office, is hereby strictly prohibited, and the same is hereby made a Masonic offense, for which charges may be preferred and punishment inflicted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor reports on Correspondence and gives lengthy extracts from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 399; members, 53,795; increase, 1,924.

Charles L. Stevens (Detroit), G. M.

Lou B. Winsor (Reed City), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

54th Communication. St. Paul, January 23, 1907.

Thomas Morris, G. M.

The address is a concise narrative of official acts, and it conveys the idea of an efficient and useful officer. Harmony prevails and the lodges are in good condition.

In the matter of life membership, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, That any action heretofore taken by any lodge, with reference to the issuance of Life Membership Certificates, and the exemption of its members from paying lodge dues on that account, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

2. Resolved, That any lodge is hereby authorized, at its option, to issue Life Membership Certificates to such members as shall have paid dues in said lodge for at least twenty-five consecutive years.

3. Resolved, That any lodge by-law not in accordance with the last resolution is hereby declared invalid.

A special committee was appointed to report on a better plan for lodge supervision and instruction, in lieu of the present system of District Deputies.

Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd. and reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Lodges, 245; members, 22,014; increase, 888.

Gustaf Widell (Mankato), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

89th Communication, Natchez, February 19, 1907.

Charles H. Blum, G. M.

We quote his eloquent exordium:

In all frankness, I say to you, that the more I learn of Masonry, the more I realize the lofty claims of the mother of faiths upon the affections of men, I see more and more clearly that we stand together, shoulder to shoulder, upon the questions of moral life and human conduct and that Masonry goes back to the fountain head of religious inspiration and its voice is the echo of the loftiest Sinaitic revelation. Well recompensed can my people feel for the loss of Jerusalem, the Temple, the Ark of the Covenant, and all the crown jewels of King Solomon, for they are untouched by time and unimpaired by the wear and tear of centuries; and have defied the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and have floated irresistibly down the ocean of time, while other nationalities more powerful than they have passed away like a tale that is told, and they know and rejoice in the fact that they have left an honorable mark upon every branch of human activity and have given religion to the civilized world and have taught the doctrine of universal brotherhood on earth by the advocacy of faith in the one Father in heaven, yet they delight in the privilege of joining brothers in the Grand Temple of Masonry, where all sincere worshipers are moved by the highest dictates of integrity, philanthropy, culture, patriotism, and fellowship glows more brilliant and precious than the lost crown jewels of King Solomon, and men may gain a glimpse of the greatness and the glory of the Kingdom of God on earth. To them the endorsement of Masonry by the similarity of ideas, principles and symbols is a splendid compensation for what the world has made them suffer in return for all the gifts they brought, and if things equal to the same thing are equal to each other then must we all alike become

"One in hatred of all wrong,
One in an love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,
One with the grief that trembles into prayer,
One in the power that makes thy children free
To follow truth and thus to follow Thee."

The state of the Craft is set forth in detail in the report of the standing committee on that subject, which concludes as follows:

Reviewing the summary: So much as relates to the value of lodge interest in their buildings, and those that owned and gave *no estimate*, and those not reporting, your committee

confidently believes that the value of such property within this Grand Jurisdiction will exceed \$200,000.00.

It is with feeling of gratification to note that our lodges are exercising more prudence in the selection of their officers, that Masters are more discreet in the appointment of all committees, keeping in view at all times the best interests of the lodges over which they preside, and more care is taken on petition and applications than heretofore; that harmony prevails; that membership is increasing; that visiting brethren are critically examined.

Financial condition of lodges is fairly good; some report investments, some funds in treasury, and a great many even, which in most cases is accounted for by liberal dispensation of charity.

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were both recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Harry T. Howard. For a first attempt it is very good indeed. The extracts are judiciously made and the comments show a power of reasoning and a large modicum of common sense. We copy the conclusion:

The subjects now taking up the attention of the Grand Lodges of the United States are:

I. The regulations governing the admission of visiting brethren.

Mississippi has already regulated this vexed question to her satisfaction, if not to that of the visitors.

II. The report of the Grand Lodge of Alabama asking that Benjamin Franklin's natal day be made a Masonic Memorial Day.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to institute memorial days for any one among the Craft at large.

III. The communication from the Grand Lodge of Colorado, proposing the formation of a Collegium of Grand Lecturers, for the purpose of having only one Masonic ritual.

We agree with Bro. Morcombe, of Iowa, that Grand Lecturers are not the ones best qualified to discuss or pass upon Masonic ritual.

As a rule lecturers are concerned only in juggling with words. Symbols to them mean nothing.

If the ritual is to be reduced to one for the million of Masons in the States, Clandestine Masonry would leap forward with renewed vigor. Our safety is in our division. If the ritual must be changed let the Masonic scholars do the work and not the Masonic actors.

IV. The Masonic Congress in 1917, to celebrate the Bi-Centenary anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, is another far-off event that is casting its shadow across the troubled waters of the annual reviewers.

It is so far away, ten years, that we still have time to think with our heads and not with our hearts.

V. A number of Grand Lodges do not recognize a Grand Lodge that is formed of lodges chartered by the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, although they have severed their connection with the bodies that granted their charters.

These conservatives hold that such bodies are irregular in parentage and organization. We do not agree with them and have recognized some of these Grand Bodies, being convinced that by so doing we have helped real Masonic growth.

VI. The last subject is the Grand Lodge Alpina.

This Grand Lodge has brought together some twenty Grand Lodges, among them is the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge Alpina admits that the Grand Orient of France was wrong about the open Bible, and then attempts to excuse it.

As long as the Grand Orient of France is recognized and admitted we had better stay home with our brethren.

Lodges, 317; members, 14,371; increase, 1,119.

Henry C. Yawn (Lumberton), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

86th Communication, Kansas City, September 25, 1906.

A. S. Houston, G. M.

He reports general prosperity and 15 new lodges.

Handsome jewels were presented to all the living Past Grand Masters, 16 in number.

The following report was adopted:

Brethren, your Committee on Recognition of such Foreign Grand Lodges as have not heretofore been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri report as follows:

We have reviewed several reports on foreign correspondence published in various Grand Lodge Proceedings, and also circular letters, for the purpose of gaining information concerning such Foreign Grand Lodges as have not heretofore been recognized by this Grand Lodge. We have not been able to gain satisfactory information concerning several foreign Grand Lodges which occupy positions of prominence in the Masonic world.

Among the several foreign Grand Lodges considered by your committee is the Grand Lodge Alpina, located at Berne, Switzerland. Concerning this Grand Lodge a most interesting circular containing its Masonic relations, published under date of June 25, 1905, has been submitted, and in the light of information contained in such publication your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland is in continual affiliation with the Grand Orient of France and other foreign Grand Lodges not recognized by this Grand Lodge; and further, we are constrained in the opinion that, for the present, no fraternal relations should be established between the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the State of Missouri.

The following resolution having been submitted to this committee, we heartily approve the same, and recommend its adoption:

Whereas, It is currently reported in the Masonic press that the Grand Lodges of Germany have agreed, through a Conference Committee, to recognize the Grand Lodge of France; and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of France does not require a belief in God as a test of membership, atheists being admitted, and the Holy Bible is not one of the three great Lights upon the altar, and

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri is in fraternal affiliation with the Grand Lodges of Germany, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to ascertain, through the proper channels, the truth or falsity of this report of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France by the Grand Lodges of Germany, and if such report is true the Grand Master shall declare the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodges of Germany by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri to be terminated.

A remarkable showing appears in the fact that all of the 569 lodges made their returns. This supposedly impossible result was accomplished by the indefatigable Grand Secretary, aided by the active co-operation of the District Deputies.

Bro. R. E. Anderson reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1905, giving numerous extracts, with complimentary comments.

Lodges, 585; members, 42,954; increase, 1,857.

David M. Wilson (Milan), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

42nd Communication, Helena, September 19, 1906.

Henry L. Frank, G. M.

The Grand Master visited 48 lodges and is enthusiastic over the wonderful progress and zeal which he found and the interest manifested by the members. Three new lodges were opened; one of them is named Ponemah, an Indian word meaning "the hereafter."

Alberta and Queensland were recognized.

Their new Masonic Home is to be located on 590 acres, 8 miles from Helena, purchased at a cost of \$10,000, the city of Helena giving a bonus of \$5,000. The building is to cost about \$23,000, and will accommodate 30 inmates.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905 Bro. Cornelius Hedges says:

From present indications another fifty years will pass before the Dominion will become an independent nation, a

second United States, a peer of Great Britain and our United States, and a connecting link between the two.

A statement of the amounts contributed by the Grand Lodge of Canada for benevolence during its fifty years' existence shows the considerable sum of \$326,739.33. This is a more creditable monument to Masonry than the finest temple they could have erected.

As a fitting memorial of the semi-centennial occasion, a general effort was made to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000. Subscriptions received amounted to \$21,361. Endowment funds are good things to tide over emergencies, but future generations will undoubtedly be better able to provide for their wants than the present one.

We would like to oblige Bro. Hedges, but our Semi-Centennial medals were strictly limited to those who were present on that occasion.

Lodges, 65; members, 4,421; increase, 194.

A. D. Macdonald (Kalispell), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

49th Communication, Omaha, June 5, 1906.

Melville R. Hopewell, G. M.

The great majority of the lodges have been well attended and are growing in membership. They are supplied with up-to-date furniture and paraphernalia. Many of them own their buildings. The brethren are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry and are earnest in their endeavors to be worthy members of the fraternity.

At the close of his remarks on the visitation of lodges, the Grand Master says:

Oakland, No. 91, and George Armstrong, No. 241, I feel a peculiar interest in for the reason that I assisted in starting them. They are both excellent lodges. Each has at its head a genuine Masonic crank, who labors incessantly for the good of the Craft and obliges his subordinate officers to do likewise. The consequence is there is no loitering or indifference in the lodge room; but all is activity and enthusiasm.

Here let me say I wish we had more cranks in the Master's chair. We would have more good lodges. The Master cannot do all the work; but he can do a great deal. A lodge never does of inaction that has a wide-awake master. It is an impossibility. He will not only do his part, but he will stir up the brethren to do theirs, and when officers and members alike do their full duty the lodge grows and prospers just as surely as sunshine and rain bring forth vegetation.

Their Home is flourishing. The new building, erected at a cost of \$15,000, furnishes accommodation for 20 ad-

ditional guests. There are now 25 residents, all apparently contented and happy. The cost of maintaining the Home is given as equivalent to \$206 for one person for one year.

Alberta was recognized and the application of Queensland was deferred.

The permanent endowment of the Orphans' Educational Fund was fixed at \$50,000. Grand Lodge transferred \$2,000 from its general fund to this special fund.

Bro. Charles J. Phelps reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 236; members, 15,163; increase, 444.

Zuingle M. Baird (Hartington), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

42nd Communication, Reno, June 13, 1906.

Charles A. Beemer, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

From personal observation during my visitations and correspondence with those lodges which I was unable to visit, I am happy to be able to say that the lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition, that perfect harmony and good fellowship prevails among them, and the individual members thereof; that a fair amount of work has been performed during the year; that the returns show an increase in membership over that of the previous year, and that perfect harmony exists between this and sister jurisdictions.

Our Copy of these Proceedings is defective, all the pages after page 32 being omitted.

Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1905 has due notice.

Lodges, 23; members, 1,113; increase, 83.

Walter J. Harris (Reno), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

117th Communication, Concord, May 16, 1906.

Ira A. Chase, G. M.

In his opening he says:

You are assembled for the transaction of important business pertaining to the welfare and perpetuity of the fraternity. In these days much is said and written about world-powers.

Freemasonry is indeed a world-power in the best and truest sense of that term, for its influence and power for good among men are world-wide. From the rising to the setting sun, on every continent, on the islands of the sea, Freemasons are frequently assembling as you are to-day, in Grand Lodge, or in particular lodge, or by twos and threes, for the propagation of Masonic tenets and truths and the dissemination of the excellent principles inculcated by our Order, that make for the reign of peace on earth and goodwill among men.

Bro. Chase is proud of their Masonic Home and of the good work it is doing to those who have been unfortunate. We also copy part of the conclusion of his excellent address:

The outlook for the future is bright and the prospect very encouraging, our noble institution is based upon broad principles and ever living truths. Its scope is so broad that it rises far above the commercialism and selfishness of the age into the higher and nobler realms of thought and action. More fully than any other institution, except the Christian Church, it meets the desire which exists in every human breast for universal brotherhood. The trust imposed in us is great. Very great is the responsibility.

To a certain extent the honor and dignity of Masonry and the maintenance of a high standard of life and example devolve upon each individual Freemason.

Human progress depends upon the possession of high and noble ideals and never rises above the ideals. The ideals of Freemasonry are very lofty and grand.

Moral and social improvement, otherwise called progress, is not yet accomplished. The ideal has not yet been attained, hence there still is work to be done by us as Masons. Masonry is said to be a progressive moral science. There is yet room for progress. With reverence toward God and love for man, Freemasonry is humanitarian and sociological. The personal and social well-being of man in a great measure prepares him for another life by teaching him how to make this life a good one.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

Section 115. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge shall be initiated in any lodge other than the one which rejected him, within five years after such rejection, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot, at a stated communication, notice thereof having been given at a previous stated communication. And if any Mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any lodge whatever, any candidate, rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such Mason shall be expelled from the institution.

Suitable aprons were ordered for presentation to all their Past Grand Masters.

Bro. A. S. Wait again reports on Correspondents and reviews our Proceedings of 1905. We regret to notice that severe and protracted illness has caused the brevity of his report.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,695; increase, 130.

William A. Plummer (Laconia), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

119th Communication, Trenton, May 21, 1906.

Benjamin F. Wakefield, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

The reports from the District Deputies agree that in most of our lodges there has been, during the past year, a decided gain in membership and the work well rendered. Good feeling and harmony rules to a marked degree. Many of the Deputies have conducted lodges or schools of instruction, where the officers and members of the lodges have the opportunity of acquiring the ritual correctly. Some of these meetings have been largely attended and have been productive of much good.

The present corps of Deputies may have been equalled, but never excelled in earnest work for the correct rendition of the ritual and for loyalty to the teachings of our time-honored institution.

Their Masonic Home has 69 inmates. The cost of maintenance was \$198.71 per capita, a very substantial reduction from any other year.

It was resolved to exchange representatives with the four German Grand Lodges.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Porto Rico, Valle de Mexico, Germany, Frankfort, Darmstadt and Hamburg.

Bro. Robert A. Sherrefs reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 181; members, 24,973; increase, 1,486.

Walter Chandler (Elizabeth), G. M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

29th Communication, Albuquerque, October 15, 1906.

James G. Fitch, G. M.

The substantial growth which Masonry has made in this jurisdiction during the past year is very gratifying.

The eastern part of the State is being rapidly settled with enterprising and intelligent citizens. The Grand Master visited all the lodges except two.

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were both recognized.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905, Bro. James H. Wroth says:

As in all other lines this Grand Lodge is unusually strong on the question of benevolence and charity, and we desire to call favorable attention to the report of the Treasurer in which recipients are designated by initials of their names alone. This seems to me a proper consideration for their feelings.

Lodges, 26; members, 1,629; increase, 141.

A. N. Pratt (Carlsbad), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings for the year ended June, 1906.

Four quarterly meetings and two specials.

The total number of lodges in active work is 206, an increase of five during the year.

Subscribing members number 11,141, an increase of 631 since the last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £319 to £3,904.

Benevolent Fund increased by £1,218 to £11,982.

Freemasons' Orphan Society increased by £935 to £27,168.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution increased by £580 to £8,999.

The territory is divided into metropolitan and 23 country districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports are embodied in the Proceedings.

Quarterly, September 13, 1905.

J. C. Remington, G. M.

We quote one paragraph from the address:

In the marked advancement of the Craft in Australasia under local government, we have ample justification, if such were needed, for the encouragement we of New South Wales have always given to the establishment of Sovereign Grand Lodges in all Australian Territories, as soon as the brethren found their lodges sufficiently numerous and strong to warrant the success of the step.

Quarterly, December 5, 1905.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland

appears to have given umbrage to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which withdrew the commission of their Grand Representative. The following minute was ordered to be sent in reply :

This letter, dated 28th August, 1905, and received here yesterday, being a formal announcement of the Grand Lodge of Scotland's withdrawal of her representative's commission, should, I think, be acknowledged with an expression of courteous regret that such an extreme step should have been taken without asking for any information throwing light upon the matter in question. It might be well, however, to point out that :

1. The Grand Lodge of Queensland was declared formed, and, in our opinion, was regularly formed on the 25th April, 1904, and its members thereupon immediately ceased to be subject to any other jurisdiction. It can hardly be seriously contended that "legality" or "regularity" depends upon subsequent "recognition."

2. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales, on appeal for recognition, postponed the question until September, 1904, when, on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, it was granted.

3. It followed that, as a matter of courtesy, I could scarcely refuse to instal the Grand Master, especially as our Grand Lodge was fully convinced that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was in the best interests of Freemasonry in that territory.

4. We had not then, and have not now, any official notification that the Grand Lodge of England has suspended or expelled anybody in this connection.

5. The letter, now under acknowledgment, is the first intimation received of suspensions by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, unless the printed Proceedings of her Grand Committee, in July, 1904, are to be regarded. Even so, however, the brethren could only be viewed as excluded from lodges under the Scottish Constitution, and this after they had removed themselves from her jurisdiction by joining in forming the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which we certainly do not regard as a Masonic offence.

6. The only intimation we have had of any expulsion from the Craft is contained in the report of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated 15th March, 1905, which reached Sydney on the 25th of April last, i. e., twelve months after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, of which by the way the brother said to have been expelled never was an officer.

7. The Grand Lodge of Scotland may possibly be under the impression that we are unfriendly to her daughter lodges in Queensland, which still maintain their allegiance to their old Constitution. Nothing could be farther from the truth. We will continue to welcome their members as visitors, and to assist their poor and distressed brethren upon proper occasions ; but we still believe, and recent disclosures have only strengthened that belief, that local Masonic government by a

Grand Lodge is in the best interests of the Craft in Queensland, as it has proved to be in every other territory in Australasia.

J. C. REMINGTON,

Sydney, 5th October, 1906.

Grand Master.

Quarterly, March 14, 1906.

A new lodge, No. 243, Lake Macquarie, was opened by the Grand Master at Toronto on 16th December, and the handsome little lodge room, erected by the members themselves, was formally consecrated.

The Grand Inspector of Workings reports that in a majority of the lodges visited the ritual work has been very good and beyond the ordinary standard.

At a Special Communication on April 24, 1906, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K. C. B., was duly installed as Grand Master. A number of distinguished visitors were present, including the Grand Masters of Victoria and Queensland.

The report on Correspondence was prepared by a committee of five, of whom Bro. Thomas L. Rowbotham was chairman. Our Proceedings of 1905 are well noticed.

Arthur H. Bray (Sidney), G. S.

NEW YORK:

125th Communication, New York, May 1, 1906.

Frank H. Robinson, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, P. G. M., Superintendent of the Masonic Home at Utica and Chairman of Correspondence for fifteen years. His reports were always interesting and displayed great learning and ability.

Last year an Act was passed by the State Legislature making it a crime to obtain signatures to applications or money for pretended secrets of a secret fraternal organization having a Grand Lodge without authority from said Grand Lodge.

The subscriptions of lodges and brethren to the California relief fund were over \$39,000.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The Home has 309 inmates, and the per capita cost of maintenance for the year was \$204.06.

Among the distinguished visitors present were M. W. Bros. James H. Burritt, G. M., and Benjamin Allen, P. G. M., who were cordially welcomed.

We copy the report of the Custodians of the Work:

First. That no alteration or modification of the esoteric work has been made or authorized, nor has any been suggested or contemplated.

Second. That, conformably with the requirements of Rule of Order XII., Section 10, the Grand Lecturer exemplified the "work" taught by him, prior to commencing his last series of conventions. He was found to be in full possession of the standard work as adopted in and for this jurisdiction.

Third. That the recent conventions—which have been held in every district—were well attended, and the Grand Lecturer gave general satisfaction by reason of the courteous and capable manner in which he conducted them and imparted the "work."

Fourth. In our last report we stated that a complete revision of the Monitor had been made, and that the next edition would contain "the old burial service and the address relative to the Holy Bible," and we then expected that the revised Monitor would have been issued prior to the resumption of labor in the fall. Since that report was read the entire subject has again been most carefully examined, revised and perfected with the assistance of the Advisory Committee. Not only have the contents been thoroughly traversed, but the phraseology has been improved in grammatical construction, incongruities eliminated so that—when published—it will be found to have been brought up to the present, as well as the future, needs of the fraternity.

The Monitor will contain the exoteric portion of the three degrees, the installation of lodge officers, the old burial service, and the prerogatives of the Worshipful Master. It will not contain the ceremonials exclusively appertaining to Grand Lodge functions.

We take this opportunity of returning our appreciative acknowledgments to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the members of the Advisory Committee for their valuable suggestions and assistance in the revision now finished, and feel assured that the brethren will be satisfied when the result of these deliberations are before them.

In the Monitor will appear certain new matter, which will prove interesting, but in every case the old forms are given precedence, the new being alternative and optional.

Fifth. We recommend the adoption of the Monitor in its present revised form, and that the matter of its issuance be referred to the Grand Master and this Committee, so that its typography and arrangement may be as free from errors as possible; that it be issued in season for the use of the Craft when labor is resumed next fall, and that it be disseminated from the office of the Grand Secretary in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

Canada for 1905 receives fraternal mention.

In the review of the Grand Lodge of Hesse-Darmstadt we find the following:

After a lively discussion it was resolved to vote against the recognition of the Grande Loge de France, especially as this Grand Body largely deals with political questions and never apologized for the insults against the King and the Crown Prince of Prussia—then the two most prominent members of the German Craft—offered by several Paris lodges in 1870.

We also quote from the review of the Grand Orient of Belgium:

This is the supreme body in Belgium for the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, was founded February 25, 1831, and controls 19 lodges.

There appears to be an aim to make the position of woman in the institution equal to that of man. The lodge at Alone, "La parfaite Union," discussed the subject, "The undoubted need of women participating in Masonic rites," during the past year, and distinctly favored the project.

Lodges, 772; members, 139,203; increase, 6,516.

Townsend Scudder (Glen Head), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

This volume is beautifully embellished with portraits of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Secretary and other Grand officers.

17th Communication, Christchurch, May 10, 1906.

Alfred H. Burton, G. M.

Their system of government has had a thorough trial and has proved a complete success. Bro. Burton also says:

I wish to impress upon the lodges and members of the Craft here present the necessity of doing something to prevent the system—a proper system—of blackballing from falling into disrepute. I am conscious that in those lodges where absolute unanimity is required mischief has occurred. Brethren, I know that the power of the black ball is one that we should never dream of relinquishing. But I do think it should be exercised with great discrimination. If you think of it, there may be—unfortunately there are—among us men who are sometimes informed with a spirit such as we abhor. It is in the power of one such person in the first place to throw a lodge into complete disorder, and ultimately to stop its further progress. I do not intend to enlarge upon this matter, but I ask you and all Craft lodges to carefully consider it. Grand Lodge does not interfere with a lodge if it does insist upon unanimity. But it is worth while to consider whether an amendment in favor of requiring a second black ball would not be advisable. As I have said, Grand Lodge does not dictate to an lodge on this question. In such matters the lodge

is supreme. But I invite you to consider the point. All my colleagues, and all with whom I have had converse on the subject, have borne testimony to the increasing care you have exhibited at the outer door. Never was there a time when you were more careful than you are now. I ask you, brethren, that in the future you will never make a retrograde step—that you will continue ever to be jealous about the admission of persons from outside. I will tell a lodge that it is far better that it should never give a degree at all than that it should bring bad material into our noble building. On that subject I ask you to be careful again. In the formation of new lodges you have necessarily to bring in untried men. You have not then the opportunity of sifting and testing their fitness so thoroughly as you have in the yearly elections in a lodge that has existed for some time. I ask that when you find there is a desire for the formation of a new lodge you should be very particular indeed as to the brethren you recommend to my successors to be the first officers of that lodge. There is another matter that was spoken of with great effect by my immediate predecessor, my most esteemed Brother Past Grand Master Williams, and that was that perhaps there was too much display made in what is called the fourth, or knife and fork, degree. I was very much struck with his remarks. I believe they bore fruit, but I think that still a little more reform in that direction would not be amiss. There are certain things that I should have liked to see carried to full fruition in my term of office, but I found that I had designed rather more than I could carry through, even with the assistance of my zealous and esteemed colleagues. The first is the question of unattached brethren. I was very anxious that something should be done in that matter. Twelve months ago I spoke to you on the subject. I prepared a circular. I do not know whether it has been printed yet, but at all events it is in the office. The idea is to send round to every lodge, and perhaps to every Past Master, and to ask them to inquire as to the unattached brethren who are to be found in their neighborhood, to carefully ascertain whether they are worthy brethren, to ascertain also why they are unattached, and, if the brethren are such as would do honor to us, to see if they cannot be brought again into the fold. But that matter, I say, I have had to leave. Then I trust that for the future the Board of General Purposes will amplify their annual reports. All those brethren who have been in the habit of reading the annual reports of the American Grand Lodges will have been struck with the fact that they are exceedingly interesting records. They give an account of the condition of Freemasonry all over the world, in a sort of abstract of the proceedings of every Grand Lodge with which they are in amity. For instance, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I am pleased to say, occupies a very considerable amount of space in those reports. We might do something of the same kind by allocating to some brethren the preparation of the reports, and printing them with the reports of our own annual communications.

The reports of the District Superintendents indicate the existence of a most healthy state of affairs. All the lodges made full returns.

The installation of the new Grand Master, the Governor of the Colony, His Excellency Lord Plunkett, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., was carried out with imposing ceremonies.

Lodges, 141; members, 7,883; increase, 662.

Malcolm Niccol (Christchurch), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

17th Communication, Fargo, June 26, 1906.

Louis A. Jacobson, G. M.

He reports activity and steady progress and four new lodges. We quote one of his decisions, showing that dual membership (which we allow) is not allowed in North Dakota, although one of the lodges may be in another jurisdiction:

Question 1. We have a brother living within the jurisdiction of our lodge who is a member of a lodge in Canada, and wishes to affiliate with our lodge and yet retain his membership in his mother lodge. He can furnish a certificate of good standing in his home lodge. Is there any reason why we should not accept his petition and allow him to affiliate as he requests?

Answer: Will say that, after searching all laws that might bear in the subject, I find there is absolutely no law applying to the question at issue. The question simmers down to this: Can a brother who is a member of a lodge of another grand jurisdiction become a member of a lodge in this grand jurisdiction by affiliation without losing his membership in the other lodge? Section 37 of our Grand Lodge By-laws states clearly that every Mason applying for membership in any lodge in this grand jurisdiction must present satisfactory evidence to such lodge that he has taken a regular dimit from the lodge of which he has last been a member, which I would construe to mean that he must have severed his membership with the lodge last a member of before applying to another lodge for membership.

Held that a brother cannot hold a membership in two Masonic bodies at the same time. (Approved.)

The report of the Grand Secretary is more than usually interesting and we quote the conclusion:

When night after night for weeks, months and years you have witnessed the devotion of the brothers in lodge work at the expense of time and money, have you never asked the question of yourself, Why all this sacrifice, and why all this work? It cannot be for love of power, or glory, except may

be to souls capable of rising only to the sublime heights of the infinitesimal. But these are not the usual workers, for we find them active in all spheres of life. May it not be that within our being is a living promptitude existing almost separate and apart from thoughts that find expression in sentiment consciousness or living words, which silently and almost unknown prompts us to lift our fellow-man into a better light, as we see that light.

If such be true, then behind this and other fraternal societies is a divinity that shapes our ends and chisels the rough ashlar into finished stone; if such be the truth, then we are almost unconscious instruments of the divine force in nature; if such be the truth, then all fraternal societies which seek to inculcate the love of neighbor, the forgiveness of error, the brotherhood of man, have a definite mission in the world, are entities in the great thought-life of humanity, and potent factors in the economics of national life; and if such be the truth, efforts which heretofore may have seemed without practical utility become haloed with the truth, and are the syllables of the true word for which we are in search.

It is seventeen years since we were parted from our mother Grand Lodge. Prosperity in numbers and preservation of quality have marked the existence of this Grand Lodge. Friendships have been born about its altar, goodwill has hung pendant above the Great Light, and pleasant recollections, like precious books, lie in the library of our minds. And why should we not love our Grand Lodge, which has given us so many beautiful things, and which has woven about our hearts the garland of sweet memories.

Alberta was recognized.

Lodges, 78; members, 5,567; increase, 414.

Grant S. Hager (St. Thomas), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

41st Communication, Halifax, June 13, 1906.

Charles R. Smith, G. M.

The address contains an excellent presentation of his official acts. The past year has been one of phenomenal progress, and harmony prevails.

Every lodge in the jurisdiction had made their returns. Alberta and Porto Rico were recognized.

We quote the following action in regard to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In pursuance of notice given
Bro. T. A. Gossman, on his
W. Bro. W. H. ...

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"That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, now in annual communication assembled, do hereby protest against the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, continuing to use the name "Canada," and respectfully submit that Ontario should be the name by which that Grand Lodge should be known."

Moved in amendment by M. W. Bro. T. Trenaman, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. G. McLean :

"That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia place itself in communication with the other Grand Lodges in Canada, outside of Ontario, and request them to unite with us in urging the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, to change its name to one which will lead to less misapprehension among foreign Grand Lodges."

The amendment was adopted.

The work in all the degrees was exemplified and declared to be the authorized work, namely, "the Ancient York Rite, as practiced in New York."

Several extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905.

Lodges, 66; members, 4,715; increase, 298.

Charles R. Smith (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

97th Communication, Columbus, October 10, 1906.

Louis P. Schaus, G. M.

Most of the lodges are shown to be in very good condition both financially and otherwise. The ritual is being closely followed and the work impressively rendered. In a number of lodges visited by the Grand Master the work was given practically letter-perfect. All of the 507 lodges have been visited and inspected during the year and the Grand Master received a written report from each one.

An amendment to the Code was adopted, to read as follows:

Section 25. A member may, by consent of the lodge, dimitt, and until he again affiliates he voluntarily renounces all claim to the benefit of lodge organization. Such a member may at any time within three years, not having joined any other lodge, return such dimitt to the lodge granting it, pay the annual dues since the date of such dimitt, and he may thereupon, if no charges have been preferred against him, be

reinstated as a member of such lodge, if upon a secret ballot at least three-fourths of the members voting, shall consent to such reinstatement.

The report of the committee on the Masonic History of Ohio was adopted, its conclusion being as follows:

Your committee would recommend that this Grand Lodge will direct a prompt compliance upon the part of the subordinate lodges with the requests made by your committee, and that among the questions requiring answers upon the part of the District Lecturers shall be the following, viz.:

1. Has your lodge furnished an answer to the questions submitted by the Historical Committee?

2. Has your lodge a Historian, whose duty it is to collect and report data for its history, and in all cases of a negative reply thereto, the District Lecturer shall direct a prompt compliance with the orders of the Grand Lodge in relation to its history.

Alberta was recognized.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of their organization as a Grand Lodge will take place in 1908.

The Grand Lodge voted \$6,000 to the general fund of the Ohio Masonic Home, and \$6,000 to its Endowment Fund. The Home has 174 inmates, and the average cost per capita for maintenance for the year was \$182.45.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. W. M. Cunningham. It is an extensive and elaborate review, covering nearly 400 pages. In his notice of Canada for 1905 Bro. Cunningham gives numerous extracts, and in speaking of our first Grand Master he says:

A most delightful reminiscence to the writer was a few days with M. W. Bro. Col. Wilson, M. W. Bros. Wm. B. Hubbard, Albert G. Mackey, O'Sullivan, of Missouri, and other eminent and distinguished Masons at the Rob Morris proposed Masonic College corner stone laying, barbecue, and St. John's day (24th of June) celebration near Hickman, Kentucky—(1857, I think). A day at St. Louis on our return with M. W. Bros. Wilson and Hubbard and several other distinguished brothers, was a memorable one to the writer, who had the qualification, at least, of being a good listener.

We also quote his remarks on the Grand Honors:

As the salutations of officers-elect, grand and subordinate, were made in each degree with the "private Grand Honors"—as stated by the writer—prior to 1750; and inferred to have been, as early as that period, accorded to Grand officers

upon occasions of official receptions, your committee believes that their discontinuance was the result of the substitution therefor of the Funeral Grand Honors (omitting their accompanying words), doubtless due to the absence of any special monitorial mention of differences therein. The circumambulatory ceremonies, with its salutations, in the Mark Master's degree, is but a continuation of that pertinent to the degree of Installed Master. Instead, therefore, of being "modern frills" they were but a part of the formal ceremonials of ancient Masonic functions, which with the showy Masonic clothing yet in use in all foreign jurisdictions, has been generally eliminated from the usage of lodges in the United States, and whilst the writer concedes that the "battery" is all sufficient and appropriate, yet it is in order, perhaps, to ask why it would be inappropriate to use the Private Grand Honors in the reception of Grand officers, if appropriate at installations and dedications?"

Lodges, 507; members, 65,105; increase, 3,469.

Horace A. Irvin (Dayton), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

15th Communication, Guthrie, February 12, 1907.

Fred D. Sparks, G. M.

The Grand Master reports having issued dispensations for 18 new lodges. He visited frequently and finds prosperity and harmony prevailing.

Much of the address is taken up with the important subject of consolidation with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, in consequence of the civic union of the two territories into one State to be called the State of Oklahoma. The situation is unique in Masonry, and we copy the report of the Joint Committee, with the remarks of the Grand Master thereon:

We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, to devise ways and means for the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges under statehood, beg to submit to you the following:

That, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1906, we held a conference with the committee appointed by the Grand Master of the Indian Territory, and by careful discussion and consideration have agreed upon the following terms and conditions, which seem to both committees to be the wisest, fairest and easiest method of procedure.

That inasmuch as the resolution passed at the last session

by the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory looking to such an amalgamation, provided that the plans suggested by this committee should be by him submitted to the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Indian Territory, and believing that that can be done and the vote of her lodges obtained before the time of the session of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma in February, we recommend that the Grand Master of the Indian Territory report the result of said vote to the Grand Master of Oklahoma, and that you submit the question of amalgamation and these plans suggested by our committee to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma at its February session.

That if the vote in both instances is favorable to amalgamation, that the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma hold its next session on the 2nd Tuesday of August, the same day as is the next convocation of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and that said session be held at the city of Shawnee that it may be near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

That this report then be submitted to each of said Grand Lodges at their session in August, and if then approved and accepted, that each of said Grand Lodges pass an ordinance surrendering their grand jurisdiction to a new Grand Lodge to be organized by a joint convention to be composed of both of said Grand bodies, and that said convention be authorized and provided for in said ordinance, and that said convention be held forthwith in the city of McAllister.

That said joint convention shall adopt a constitution and by-laws for the Grand Lodge and a uniform code of by-laws and Masonic regulations for the subordinate lodges and organize a new Grand Lodge to be named and chartered by this State as "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma," and proceed to elect its officers.

That in said organization the following elective officers shall come from the present Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, viz.: Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden, and from the present Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, the following elective officers, viz.: Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer, and that the balance of said officers and the necessary standing committees shall be apportioned equally as near as may be.

Appreciating the long and faithful services of each of the Grand Secretaries and realizing the strong feeling of affection which the brethren of each grand jurisdiction have for their Grand Secretary, and knowing the vast amount of additional work which will be entailed upon the secretary's office by such consolidation, we recommend that both of the present Grand Secretaries be retained and the new Grand Lodge for the time being shall have two Grand Secretaries, the present Grand Secretary of the Indian Territory to have charge of, and perform all the duties of Grand Secretary under the present Grand Jurisdiction of the Indian Territory, and the present Grand Secretary of Oklahoma to have charge of and perform all of the duties of Grand Secretary under the present Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma.

That each of said Grand Secretaries shall receive the same compensation.

That the esoteric work of each of said Grand Jurisdictions shall be retained as in the present jurisdiction until the new Grand Lodge shall provide otherwise, and the present Grand Jurisdiction of Indian Territory shall retain its Board of Custodians and a Grand Lecturer, who shall instruct its lodges and brethren in their said work, and the present Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma shall retain its Committee on Work and Grand Lecturer, to instruct its lodges and brethren in their said work, until the new Grand Lodge shall provide otherwise.

That a Board of Custodians and the Committee on Work shall receive the same compensation, and each of said Grand Lecturers shall receive the same compensation.

That the present subordinate lodges under the two Grand Jurisdictions shall retain their old charters as a historical record, but that new charters shall be prepared and issued to them, which shall rectify the historical facts which make their issuance necessary, and the present subordinate lodges shall be numbered in said new charters as follows :

The original lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction of Indian Territory at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which numbered sixty, shall retain their original numbers as of that time, and that the lodges organized since the session of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, at which it granted its consent for the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, shall be numbered according to the date of the granting of their dispensations, provided that they obtain a charter at the next session of the Grand Lodge, that is to say, the lodge in either of said jurisdictions which was first granted a dispensation after the said session of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, at which said consent was granted, shall be numbered sixty-one, and the next one granted a dispensation shall be numbered sixty-two, and that the lodges in both jurisdictions shall be considered in this calculation, the number to be governed solely by the date of the dispensations granted, provided the lodge receive a charter at the next session of the Grand Lodge, but in case they do not receive a charter and were by the Grand Lodge continued under dispensation, then such U. D. lodges shall take their numbers from the date of such session of the Grand Lodge, and if more than one lodge shall be continued under dispensation, then as between such continued lodges they shall be numbered according to the date of their dispensations, but shall be numbered in the year following the session of said Grand Lodge.

We recommend that a committee of two be appointed, one by the Grand Master of the Indian Territory, and one by the Grand Master of Oklahoma, to draft such constitution and by-laws for the Grand Lodge and uniform code of by-laws and Masonic regulations for the subordinate lodges, and have the same completed by the first of July, 1907, and that the Grand Master of Oklahoma shall have one thousand copies of their report printed and ready for distribution among the brethren at such joint convention, in order that all members may have ample opportunity to give the same careful consideration.

We recommend that a per diem of two (\$2.00) dollars and five cents per mile, one way, figuring the nearest convenient route, be paid to one representative from each subordinate lodge and to each Grand Lodge officer or committeeman in said joint convention.

That in view of the fact that the Oklahoma Masons are now engaged in raising an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars for a Masonic Home, with bright prospects of raising an amount equal to the sum raised by the Masons of the Indian Territory for that purpose, we recommend that no action be taken by the Grand Master of Indian Territory in locating the Masonic Home until the organization of the new Grand Lodge, to the end that the home may be endowed with the one hundred thousand dollars.

The union of Oklahoma and Indian Territories into a single state under the name of "Oklahoma" has brought sharply into prominence the question of the amalgamation or union of the two separate Masonic jurisdictions which will exist within the new state boundaries. The opinion prevails in some quarters that statehood of itself will work such a union, but the idea is erroneous. The two jurisdictions are as separate and independent, so far as Masonic law is concerned, as the jurisdictions of American states, and while in this country there is no example of two regular Grand Jurisdictions existing contemporaneously within the boundaries of one state, yet such a condition is not, ipso facto, illegal or impossible. It has been suggested that as the Grand Jurisdiction of Oklahoma will bear the name of the new state and there will be no longer any "Indian Territory," there will, of necessity, be an absorption of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory into the body of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma—that in this manner the child will devour its mother. This suggestion is equally erroneous. Our own Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) fixes the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as follows:

The territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall extend over all that country bounded on the north by the states of Colorado and Kansas; on the east by the Indian Territory; on the south by the State of Texas and the Indian Territory, and on the west by the State of Texas and the Territory of New Mexico.

The Constitution cannot be amended except by a three-fourths vote at the Grand Communication at which the amendment is proposed, or by a two-thirds vote of the next Annual Communication thereafter. (Article X.) But under no possible circumstances, could we invade or infringe upon the territorial jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge without the latter's consent.

NECESSITY OF UNION.

But while all this is true, there is a law of physical necessity and Masonic fitness, and a force of Masonic sentiment, which for the best interests of Masonry, will practically compel the union of these two independent jurisdictions. By this law Masonry has followed in its development the history

of the states of the American Union, and as in all our past history the states have been formed from new single territories which before had been broken off from larger territories, so new Masonic Grand Lodges have followed the boundaries of the territories by virtue of a voluntary surrender of part of their territorial jurisdiction by the older established Grand Lodges. And as there has heretofore been no instance of a fusing of two separate territories into one state, so no two independent Masonic jurisdictions have ever in this country been brought under one organization. No Grand Lodge in the United States has ever ceased its existence; and, as illustrating the stability and permanence of our noble fraternity, I can now recall no case in the history of the Masonic world where a Grand Lodge once established has ever died. The conditions which now face the Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territories are, therefore, altogether unique, with no precedents to guide us, with new paths to make and new problems to solve.

Assuming that a union is inevitable, how shall it be brought about to the glory of the Craft, the harmony of the participants, and the undying good of the Order? Can this new Masonic Temple be erected without the sound of iron tool, in peace and order? The spirit of the widow's son should brood over this enterprise, and that noble emulation in work and agreement should here find its strongest and most beneficent activity.

DIFFERENT PLANS.

One of four things must occur to effect a perfect union:

(a) Indian Territory must permit her absorption by Oklahoma Territory and terminate her corporate existence.

(b) Oklahoma must permit her absorption by Indian Territory and thus cease to exist.

(c) Both jurisdictions must surrender their charters and create a new Grand Lodge from the dissolved elements.

(d) Some form of dual existence in union must be devised in which neither jurisdiction will lose its identity.

(d) It is hardly necessary to discuss the last plan. Its insuperable difficulties, impracticable and unmasonic form of organization; its lack of cohesive power, and the danger of inharmonious and conflicting elements, are sufficient to remove the plan from serious consideration. Independent organizations would be much more effective and far more conducive to Masonic welfare. No organizations of such a character are known in Ancient Craft Masonry.

(c) The extinction of both Grand Lodges and the creation of a new organization is probably the most practical method of procedure unless a better can be devised. Yet it is doubtful if either Grand Body would be willing to commit suicide without having made first some kind of arrangements for a future existence; and it is hard to imagine the creation of any new organization without both Grand Lodges having first arrived at a mutual understanding as to many details. One effect of such a plan would be to create a new jurisdiction with the same name as our own Grand Lodge—the Grand

Lodge of Oklahoma ; for it is safe to say that such will be the name of the merged or new jurisdiction. Every Grand Lodge in the world, as far as I know, is named from the territory, province, state or nation in which it was originally organized. Thus, in any event, the name of our own jurisdiction will be preserved and the name of our beloved mother, the Grand Lodge of "Indian Territory," be lost forever to Masonry, but not forgotten. It is the sacrifice of a mother who dies that her children may live, yet whose influence never dies. It will be something of a distinction in the Masonic world to be known as the only Grand Lodge that ever lost the identity of its name.

(d) A serious obstacle arises to the absorption by Indian Territory of our own jurisdiction, and that is, that even if that is done it will still be no longer the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, but the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Thus one jurisdiction would preserve its organization but lose, and the other would lose its organization and preserve its name. A union that would meet all conditions and also preserve both name and organization would be development along the lines of least resistance. This would be using stone and timber already quarried, cut and fashioned in the mountains. There is force and sentiment in the suggestion that as Indian Territory generously gave of her own flesh and blood that we might live ; as she gave her children to us with which to found a new home, so when the broken family is reunited we should all pass again under her benevolent authority and control. And, certainly, every Oklahoma Mason has a just pride in, and a deep reverence for, the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory from which Oklahoma Masonry sprang.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Joint Committee and all of the Grand Master's address referring to the amalgamation, and the following resolution was carried :

Be it resolved, That the Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to abrogate the session of the Grand Lodge to be held in August, 1907, if in his judgment, the said convention, for any reason, ought not to be held at that time:

On motion of Bro. W. L. Eagleton, it was resolved that the Grand Master appoint a committee to confer with the committee from Indian Territory in an effort to have the meeting place of the joint convention of the two Grand Lodges changed to Guthrie instead of McAllister.

Canada, Ontario, for 1906, is included in the Proceedings reviewed by Bro. W. M. Anderson.

Lodges, 158 ; members, 7,978 ; increase, 1,052.

Earl Beebe (El Reno), G. M.

James S. Hunt (Guthrie), G. S.

OREGON.

56th Communication, Portland, June 13, 1906.

William H. Flanagan, G. M.

On the subject of uniformity in the work the Grand Master recommended the abolition of their system of three Grand Custodians, as it did not seem to be satisfactory, and the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted this recommendation. The committee reported as follows:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of securing information in the use of the secret work of Masonry, and correct or eliminate superfluous expressions or words, as now used in many of our lodges, would recommend that the matter be referred to a committee of seven, of whom two shall be Past Grand Masters. Said committee shall adhere to a strict observance of all ancient landmarks and be guided by what has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge known as the Webb work. This committee to report the result of its labor at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge and be prepared to give a correct exemplification of the work in the several degrees.

Visitors will take notice that hereafter they will require a certificate. The amended by-law now reads:

No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge under this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry, every lodge or committee shall require a strange visitor to produce a certificate under the seal of his lodge that he is a member of such lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction under which the same shall be held, that the lodge issuing the certificate is a lodge in good standing in the said jurisdiction.

In his review of Canada for 1905 Bro. J. M. Hodson says:

J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master and Historian of the Grand Lodge, delivered an address filling 22 pages, that for excellence of expression and reasonable deductions contained the most accurate history of Masonry, both ancient and modern, in so small a space, that we remember ever reading. We would clip a lot of it, but we wish to preserve it without mutilation.

We also quote his remarks on the symbolism of the Masonic apron:

Modern Masonry is the heir of the "Ancient Mysteries," and from the use of white garments to denote the purity of

the intentions and the innocence of purpose of their candidates came the customs referred to in his first paragraph and were used thousands upon thousands of years before there was any Anglo-Saxon civilization or a King Solomon's Temple. The Masonic Apron represents in shape—being square, the four sides being equal, the ancient conception of the elementary elements of nature: earth, air, fire and water, the flap or bib being a perfect equilateral triangle, represents their idea of the attributes of Deity, as creative, destructive, and preservative, and was placed at the top of the square to denote that the infinite intelligence prevailed over all material substance, and being white, is worn as an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, and not as the representative of the aprons worn by the workmen at the building of the Temple.

We learn that Oregon, some years ago, adopted crematory services, and they have given entire satisfaction so far. The services are all performed and ceremonies closed before the body is cremated; in fact, the friends and relatives are dismissed and retire and the hour of actual cremation is left to the management of the institution.

Lodges, 109; members, 7,689; increase, 367.

W. T. Williamson (Portland), G. M.

James F. Robertson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1906.

George W. Kendrick, Jr., G. M.

The following report was adopted:

An application for fraternal recognition has been received from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, it being stated that it has "succeeded in conforming its work and usages to that of other Grand Lodges."

In accordance with a well recognized principle in Freemasonry, as has been stated by one of our distinguished predecessors, "A Grand Lodge is created by lodges. When three or more lawfully warranted and duly constituted lodges of Free and Accepted Masons constitute and establish a Grand Lodge, these lodges confer on this Grand Lodge those powers which are necessary to make it a controlling Masonic power. The territorial jurisdiction then attaches."

Our information is that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico owes its formation to the dividing up of one lodge, without authority, and calling these divisions lodges, for the definite purpose of securing the three lodges necessary for the formation of a Grand Lodge.

Without discussing other matters connected with the subject, this seems to your committee sufficient reason for recommending that recognition be withheld.

An application for fraternal recognition has also been received from the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina (La Grande Loge Suisse Alpina). Before the formal application was presented, the Chairman of your committee was approached upon the subject, and he asked for information as to the origin of the lodges composing that Grand Lodge, whether it was a sovereign ruling Masonic body, and, if regularly formed, whether it had made such changes in its organic laws as would hinder its recognition by regular Grand Lodges. The little information that has been furnished is very inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Furthermore, the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina is in entirely fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, which, after abolishing, in 1871, the Grand Mastership, in 1877, struck for its Constitutions what has well been called "the first and most important of the Ancient Landmarks," belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. The plea that this was done for the sake of "absolute liberty of conscience" may be true enough, but by this act French Masonry ceased to be genuine Masonry.

Under all the circumstances we are unable to recommend recognition.

Alberta was recognized.

The Grand Master's address was delivered at the close of the meeting, as is their custom. He visited all the 77 lodges in Philadelphia and six others. They are all flourishing and doing creditable work. Eight new lodges were opened. According to the following paragraph the Grand Master in Pennsylvania has rather more power than in other jurisdictions:

After thoughtful and mature deliberation, and with the helpful advice and encouragement of a large majority of the officers of the lodges meeting in Philadelphia, I determined to take a forward step in the approach to that self control and strength of character which are essential to our success. In the belief that our object should be to help the weak as well as guide the errant, and as a further evidence of our desire to reach the higher mental and moral plane even if at the cost of some physical pleasure, I directed that the use of intoxicants should be eliminated from any entertainments within the Temple, and from all Masonic entertainments of any kind within the jurisdiction. The practically unanimous approval given by the Craft has set throbbing with satisfaction the chord already pleasing to every conscience and stirred by my heart.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1906, Bro. James M. Lamberton says:

The address of the Grand Master, which was well described as "a scholarly and exhaustive record of one of the most prosperous years" in the history of the Grand Lodge, shows an energetic and efficient officer.

We like the brotherly reserve which omits the names of the beneficiaries of the Grand Lodge in the account of benevolence.

Lodges, 456; members, 75,273; increase, 4,024.
 George W. Kendrick, Jr. (Philadelphia), G. M.
 William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

31st Communication, Charlottetown, June 25, 1906.
 Charles H. S. Sterns, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges. He reports Masonry as flourishing. In almost every case the material added is of a very high order.

Alberta was recognized.

Lodges, 14; members, 635; increase, 27.
 W. K. Rogers (Charlottetown), G. M.
 Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEENSLAND.

Special Communication, Brisbane, July 26, 1905.
 G. S. Hutton, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master gives their progress in detail. In his opening he says:

Brethren: As you are aware, Grand Lodge was established on the 25th April last year, with a roll of 39 lodges, representing a membership of 1,500 Masons. During the year we have added five lodges and over 200 Masons, making our strength 44 lodges with about 1,700 Masons, which, considering the strong opposition to which we have been subjected, may be considered a very fair advance, one that will fully encourage us to continue strenuously in our good work in the sure and certain hope of a successful issue which will join all true lovers of the Craft in Queensland under one banner in a band strong and indissoluble. Here I may mention that I shall have the pleasure of leaving for the Far North on Saturday next to constitute a strong lodge, for the erection of which I have granted a warrant in compliance with a petition signed by about 30 brethren, and as members of Grand Lodge are aware, on Monday evening last, had it not been for the most regrettable illness of Very Worshipful Grand Registrar, the Indooroppilly Lodge, which is being created under most auspicious circumstances, would have been dedicated. However, we hope our Very Worshipful brother's illness will be of short duration, and that on my return from the north the forty-fifth lodge will be added to our roll.

The ritual of New South Wales was adopted in its entirety.

Quarterly Communication, March 12, 1906.

It was reported that 15 Grand Lodges had accorded recognition.

At the numerous meetings held during the year their Constitution was fully discussed and finally adopted. The proceedings show that this new Grand Lodge is fully capable of taking care of the interests of the Craft. We wish them all success and prosperity.

June 11, 1906.

His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, the Governor of the State, was unanimously elected Grand Master. His acceptance of this office should set at rest all doubts of the regularity of the formation of the Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 44; membership about 1,700.

Charles H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

116th Communication, Providence, May 21, 1906.

Joseph W. Freeman, G. M.

The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges, all of the work witnessed being well and impressively done, showing a most commendable spirit of fidelity to the ritual.

The reports of the District Deputies and the personal observations of the Grand Master prove that good feeling and harmony prevail to an unusual degree.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Porto Rico were recognized.

Bro. W. H. Scott delivered an excellent eulogy on Masonry, from which we make the following extract:

Freemasonry is the outgrowth of the church, or at least of the great principles which the church professes. All of the high ideals and humanitarian fundamentals which the church possesses and enforces, the institution of Freemasonry also professes and practices. This fraternity is not the church, but it is religious; it is the handmaid of the church. Its principles are all taken from the Holy Bible, which forms an essential part of the furniture of every lodge. It recognizes the Supreme Creator and Ruler of the universe, and man's relations with and obligations to Him. It believes in the equality of men before the law, and respects their rights and liberty. It takes the part of the oppressed and the down-trodden, and seeks to release them from their thralldom. It stands for the freedom of the individual conscience and a broad toleration which breaks down whatever fetters the body, mind or soul. It endorses all truth, encourages all virtue, and condemns all vice. Its teachings have a direct

tendency to make men more humane and to build them up in all the elements of a noble manhood. These divine principles and instincts being planted within us must be expressed, or they become dormant. And so, we are quickened with impulses of courteous feelings towards our fellows, of kind sentiments and of generous acts ; with impulses to administer comfort to the afflicted, to lift up the fallen, to supply the needy, and to deal charitably with all men.

There is no report on Correspondence.
Lodges, 37 ; members, 6,476 ; increase, 174.
Walter A. Presbrey (Providence) G. M.
S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Edinburgh, May 3, 1906.
Charters were granted to six new lodges, including two in the Transvaal and others in British East Africa, Natal and Queensland.

August 2, 1906.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Rhode Island, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Among the new lodges we notice one in Chili and one in Colon, Panama.

Grand Committee, September 20, 1906.

On application by the Right Worshipful Master of Lodge Sierra Leone Highland, Freetown, Sierra Leone, No. 997, it was agreed to grant him a power of dispensation, in case of emergency, for a brother to be advanced to a higher degree, after he has passed an examination in the lower degree, at an interval of not less than one week instead of two weeks, and such dispensation to remain in force during the pleasure of Grand Committee.

Representatives were appointed to the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Valle de Mexico.

Grand Committee, October 18, 1906.

It was decided that as soon as a member of a lodge paid his arrears he was restored to all Masonic privileges. if otherwise in good standing.

Grand Secretary submitted a petition from seven members of the "Rite of Memphis and Mizraim" craving for a charter to open a lodge in Salonica, Turkey. As the "Rite of Memphis and Mizraim" is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Committee recommends Grand Lodge to refuse to grant the prayer of the petition.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 18, 1906.

Sir Samuel Way, G. M.

There is no address from the Grand Master.

Representatives were exchanged with several Grand Lodges.

The Grand Inspector reported as follows :

I have the honor to report that my deputy and myself have visited as many of the lodges as possible during the year, more especially in the country, as I think they are more in need of our advice and instruction than the lodges in the city, who can always attend the Lodge of Instruction if they wish, though I am sorry to say very few of them do. And the welcome given us by the lodges in the country, their anxiety to profit by our presence, their willingness to come long distances to attend their lodges, shows how anxious they are to be perfect in their work ; indeed, the splendid way in which some of the country lodges carry out the different ceremonies in spite of their many disadvantages is very gratifying to witness, and would bear favorable comparison with some of our city lodges.

The joint resolutions of England, Scotland and Ireland are mentioned with a note that the advisability of adopting some such resolutions may be considered on some future occasion.

Lodges, 45 ; members, 2,799 ; increase, 66.

Sir Samuel Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

130th Communication, Charleston, December 11, 1906.

Francis E. Harrison, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary since 1874. He was prominent in every good work and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the public to a rare degree.

Harmony and prosperity prevail. Five new lodges were opened.

The following report from the Committee on Correspondence was adopted :

We recommend that the request of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., be granted, by recognizing said Grand Lodge as the Sovereign Grand Lodge in its own jurisdiction.

That we welcome them into the Sisterhood of Grand Lodges with which we hold fraternal relations.

As to the overtures from the Grand Lodge of Mexico, Queen's Land and Switzerland, relative to recognition of these grand bodies : We recommend that they be received as information, and that action thereon be deferred, awaiting further Masonic Light.

As to the bi-centennial celebration on St. John the Baptist day, June 24, 1917, in commemoration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in London, in 1717, we recommend : That as the celebration proposed is more than ten years distant, we wait until we receive more definite and detailed information as to the character and scope of this celebration before taking action.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a volume recording the proceedings concerning the installation of His Excellency, M.W. Bro. Admiral Sir Holdsworth Rawson, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

We recommend the work of Bro. Marshall DeLancy Haywood, of Raleigh, N. C., shown in "The Beginnings of Freemasonry in North Carolina and Tennessee," as putting into interesting and historical form the birth and life of Freemasonry in these, now two Grand Masonic jurisdictions, from its introduction into the colony of North Carolina, in 1735 to 1787, during the existence of the joint jurisdiction then known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905 Bro. Jacob T. Barron gives numerous extracts from the address of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, which he characterizes as one of the most beautiful and interesting Masonic historical addresses he has ever read.

Lodges, 232; members, 10,403; increase, 839.

Frank E. Harrison (Abbeville), G. M.

Jacob T. Barron (Columbia), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

32nd Communication, Sioux Falls, June 12, 1906.

Edgar D. Brookman, G. M.

The growth of the Craft has kept pace with the splendid material development of the State, and the future is big with promise. Five new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lecturer visited 62 lodges during the year, holding schools of instruction of from one to four days in each place.

Alberta was recognized.

The new Masonic Temple at Sioux Falls was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. It is a beautiful building, with ample accommodation for the lodges, the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary's office, and a large library.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer upon making his visitation, be and is hereby authorized and required to inspect the books, records and blanks in use by the lodge and give the Secretary advice and instruction in reference thereto. * * *

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to carry out his plan with reference to "Identification of Visitors, and Cards for Receipts for Dues."

In his review of Mississippi, Bro. Samuel A. Brown has the following:

The address opens with an inspiring oration upon the brotherhood of man, and the beauties of Masonry. Attributing American independence to the Masonic fraternity, however, is misleading. While it is true that Washington, Franklin, Caswell and a great many others of the leading spirits with them were members of the Craft, it need not be forgotten that there were distinguished Freemasons on the other side in that contest. At the disastrous battle of Camden, S. C., where the Americans were cut to pieces and routed, Lord Rawdon found on the field of battle, mortally wounded, General DeKalb, a brother Mason. He cared for him during the few remaining hours of life, and after his death buried his body with the funeral rites of Masonry. Lord Rawdon's health failed and he soon returned to England, and afterwards, as the Earl of Moira and the Marquis of Hastings, became the most distinguished Freemason of his times, and also a very eminent soldier and statesman.

James Grant, although he was defeated by Washington at Trenton, was one of our staunchest foes, doing us great damage at Monmouth, Brandywine and Germantown. He sailed in 1778 for the West Indies. Had he and Rawdon remained in this country until the close of the war no one knows how it might have terminated. General Grant was also an eminent Freemason, being no less than Scotch Provincial Grand Master of the Southern District of North America. General Bowles, who commanded the Creek Indians at Pensacola, 1780, was Provincial Grand Master of the Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw and Chostay Nations under the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Master Sisson did not deny this, and this is not intended as adverse criticism.

Canada for 1905 has kindly mention.

Lodges, 108; members, 6,336; increase, 383.

Robert H. McCaughey (Mellette), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

Half-yearly Communication, Hobart, August 31, 1906.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

The Board of General Purposes have decided upon a form of ballot paper for voting by post, and a circular

explaining the method of using it will be sent to every member of Grand Lodge.

The Board also say:

Two other rulings may be of interest to some of the members. A W. M. of a country lodge applied for guidance as to the proper method of taking a ballot. It appears the practice in his lodge was based on the method laid down in "Mackey's Lexicon," the author of which was an American Mason. In this both Wardens as well as the W. M. examine the box prior to the ballot, and after the ballot both Wardens declare the result before the W. M. does so. The Board advised that there is no hard and fast rule on the subject, but the W. M. is responsible for the proper taking of the ballot and may prescribe the mode of procedure. It is unnecessary for the Wardens to declare the ballot, as it is not complete until the W. M. declares it.

Dr. Albert Mackey was also responsible for an inquiry about the signification of the three pillars. He described Ionic as the column of "beauty," but in a later edition corrected the error, and the practice in Tasmania is the same as that followed in England, where the Ionic (wisdom) is assigned to the W. M., the Doric (strength) to the S. W., and the Corinthian (beauty) to the J. W.

Among the correspondence we note:

From Grand Lodge of Canada, with patent for V. W. Bro. H. J. Wise, Grand Treasurer, as their Grand Lodge Representative, near our Grand Lodge. Also

From R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, P. G. Warden, our Grand Lodge Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, thanking Grand Lodge for his appointment and patent, and placing his services at our command.

A long discussion arose over the proposal of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand to hold a conference of the Grand Lodges in Australasia. It was left with the Grand Master and Board to act if necessary.

TENNESSEE.

93rd Communication, Nashville, January 30, 1907.

Robert Burrow, G. M.

The Grand Master reports a very busy year. He declined to make a Mason "at sight," saying that this prerogative of the Grand Master has become obsolete in Tennessee. We quote the conclusion of his excellent address:

"We are taught that Masonry is a progressive moral science. So it is. If proof is required, you have only to look to its attitude on the temperance question in

Tennessee. First, it was made a Masonic offence to engage in the business of retailing intoxicating liquors. Next, after due and timely notice, it was made unlawful for a Mason to be a manufacturer or wholesale dealer in intoxicating liquors. In other words, to-day there is no place in the Masonic fraternity in Tennessee for the man who makes or the man who sells liquor. Who will say that the present great demand throughout the State for the total abolition of the saloon is not due in a large measure to the stand taken by the Masons? If the settlement of this question were left to the Masons, before the adjournment of this Grand Lodge the saloon would be driven beyond the borders of Tennessee to return no more forever.

"Masons are morally progressive. They do not build in vain. There were thousands of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons employed in the building of Solomon's Temple. That magnificent structure is a thing of the past. The rebuild'd temple has long passed away. Mouldering stones no longer mark the place where once stood its mighty walls. The cedar beams have crumbled into dust. The gold and silver and jewels with which its vessels and walls were made and inlaid have been scattered throughout the wide, wide world. The grave of Hiram at the foot of Mount Moriah can no longer be discovered. But the everlasting tenets of Masonry, charity for the living, immortality for the dead, are as green in the hearts of Masons to-day as the ever-green sprig which marked the resting place of the illustrious dead."

Their Masonic Home was never in better condition. It has 143 inmates, and the average cost for each person for the year was \$94.50, a decrease of ten cents per capita from the year preceding. Bro. Alexander Fall has educated at his Business College, free of charge, about 20 boys and girls from the Home, and he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his generous action.

By the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge decided that a lodge in Tennessee has jurisdiction over a member of a Virginia lodge who resides in Tennessee, and who was charged with an offence against an edict of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee regarding the sale of liquor by members of the Craft.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Henry A. Chambers, and reviews Canada for 1906.

Lodges, 432; members, 20,986; increase, 807.

George E. Seay (Gallatin), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

71st Communication, Waco, December 4, 1906.

S. M. Bradley, G. M.

His address is an excellent one. On the profound influence of the Craft he waxes eloquent, and his views of the principles and truths of the teachings of the Order were well calculated to give the brethren more lofty conceptions of their confraternity. The full details of the official acts of the Grand Master prove him to have been zealous and faithful in the management of his very large constituency. We quote the following:

We should not forget that Masonry in its higher purposes and its broader mission is not so much an association for mutual assistance and relief in a material way, as for the cultivation of higher ideals of life in its various relations to our fellowmen, impressing upon its votaries the duties and obligations we owe to a brother, and thus furnishing an affirmative answer to the question propounded when the earth was young: "Am I my brother's keeper?" for it teaches that we are in a peculiar sense our brother's keeper. In its every lesson, from the time the neophyte first enters the portals of Masonry until he has been invested with all the privileges of a Mason, it enforces and emphasizes the duties and obligations we owe to a brother. It seeks, by its lessons of benevolence and fraternity, to discourage that mean and narrow selfishness in men which seeks alone to our own material advantage and the advancement of our selfish ends and purposes, while at the same time it seeks to develop and to cultivate all the nobler impulses and higher aspirations of the human heart and to repress and to minimize all the baser passions within us.

They have 103 District Deputies, so the Craft is well looked after. The Grand Master gives them high praise. Alberta was recognized.

Their Masonic Home has reached a stage of efficiency that challenges admiration. There are now in the Home 162 children and 13 widows. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$27,000. The permanent fund now amounts to over \$100,000.

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1906.

Lodges, 743; members, 39,126; increase, 212.

John P. Bell (Bellville), G. M.

John Watson (Waco), G. S.

VERMONT.

113th Communication, Burlington, June 13, 1906.

Walter E. Ranger, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an eloquent and scholarly production, full of zeal for the Craft and evidencing a first-class executive ability. On the condition of Masonry he says:

Throughout this jurisdiction there are abundant evidences of the worthy life of the fraternity and of the wondrous power of Masonry to ennoble mankind. Everywhere there is a reverent appreciation of its sublime truths, its inspiring beauty and its vivifying spirit. In the conduct of life the brethren shadow forth high Masonic ideals. Light shines brightly from our many altars. With hardly an exception peace and prosperity reign everywhere.

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Masters evidence a continuance of satisfactory condition and growth. The net gain in membership during the past year is 267, and makes our membership 11,802, of whom 559 have become Master Masons during the past year.

Vermont has one Mason for every thirty inhabitants, or a Mason for every eight men of lawful age. So far as I know no sister jurisdiction excels us in Masonic strength, either in the number of Masons relative to population or in the sterling manhood of our Masonic citizenship.

It was decided that the Order of the Eastern Star could meet in the lodge room by consent of the lodge. We opine that if the lodge did not consent there would be trouble at home for some of the married brethren. When the ladies want anything they generally get it.

In his review of Florida, Bro. Marsh O. Perkins has the following comment on favors to clergymen:

Possibly Bro. Wright may know some "overworked and underpaid" physician, lawyer, farmer, editor or laboring man. Why should not he be classed with the man of clerical cut? It is not only the abuse of the rule, but its use that brings discredit, because it is wholly unmasonic in principle and exercise, tending to caste distinction and unwarranted discrimination between men of equal financial standing.

We also quote from his notice of Maryland:

He continues to disagree with us, as to the proprieties to be observed in case of an objection to the advancement of an E. A. or F. C., and discusses the same at length, under Oregon.

We have read the same with the full measure of interest with which we always read his writings, but must confess we are not shaken in our belief that he is on the wrong track. True, the ancient regulations provide that "no one can be admitted a member of a particular lodge without the unanimous consent of all the members present." But when they were promulgated, E. A.'s were members of lodges in the fullest sense of the word, and all business except that directly appertaining to the F. C. and M. M. was transacted in the E. A. lodge. In process of time, evolution or revolution made of the M. M. degree the business end of lodges, an innovation, pure and simple, on ancient usage and law. While this may have emasculated in some measure the E. A., it did not, and could not, deprive him of a Mason's right to be heard in self-defence, as a Mason, and any law to the contrary is, in our belief, "an unwarrantable infringement" upon an inherent right of a brother.

Lodges, 103; members, 11,802; increase, 267.
Charles A. Calderwood (St. Johnsbury), G. M.
Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

128th Communication, Richmond, February 13, 1906.
Thomas N. Davis, G. M.

On the work of the office, he says:

I had not been honored with this position for as much as two months when I had occasion to say—and completed experience has more than confirmed first impressions—that the office of Grand Master of Masons in Virginia is one to which many brethren aspire and few attain. During the brief period the mantle of a long line of illustrious predecessors has rested upon my humble shoulders, I have come to the conclusion, first, that those who fail to win the prize of its exalted position are to be congratulated; for the duties appertaining are various, onerous, exacting; the problems submitted by zealous and confiding brethren, perplexing and puzzling, demanding for their solution the quick perception of the man of business, the analytical trend of the trained lawyer, the patient and sympathetic temperament of the good pastor, and, above all, the noblesse oblige, the royalty of his high station compels him to be a just, upright and impartial judge, even if he has to use the sword of his great prerogative to cut the Gordian knot which refuses to relax under the application of law, usage, or custom.

The remarks of the Grand Master on his experience of laying corner stones will recall to the minds of some of our older Past Grand Masters similar circumstances, but we are much better now. Bro. Davis has the happy faculty of seeing the humorous side of things, but the at-

tentive reader will easily observe the lesson intended to be conveyed:

I do not think there are many more corner stones to be laid, as I have planted them in fact, or by written permission, over the greater portion of the State. I spent all of August and part of September last in the magnificent Valley of Virginia, attending to this particular duty. The official ceremony is somewhat cumbersome and monotonous, and does not adapt itself to the average geography of the situation; at least that is my experience and yet I may be wrong, for in one instance there was no unexpected or unknown quantity to solve. Worshipful Jos. B. Clower was the artist in charge and had evidently studied the formula, for there was a right place for everything and everything in the right place. A good Marshall—a man of voice and volition, and endowed with the genius of common sense—is an essential factor in the equation.

I think I can generally adapt myself to any misfit Masonic situation as I may find it, but some of my experiences in laying corner stones had me "whip-sawed."

In one instance, on five minutes notice, it was insisted that I should fill the position of orator, as is provided in the ceremony, to a large company already assembled. Fortunately the beneficiaries had provided, as they should, a distinguished divine to perform this important function.

In another case I was compelled to deliver the goods to a mixed company assembled in the town hall, and the only notice I had was a local printing handed me thirty minutes before the appointed time, which stated that the Grand Master of Masons would deliver a public address.

I have bent and twisted the ceremony to jab in a corner stone—so called—in a completed building; again, with the assistance of Bro. Eggleston, I broke it in pieces trying to pin a tablet to a Court House already in commission.

Can a corner stone be laid where no copies of the ceremony have been provided? I had to do it with the aid of one mutilated copy found in the flotsam of my hand bag.

Time fails me to tell you in how many cases my arrival was awaited in order that I might make the local appointments called for in the "Order of Procession," a duty that neither the District Deputy nor I had anything to do with.

The foregoing episodes may not strike your sense of humor. If so, I do not blame you, as their happenings were not conducive to good humor. I will be satisfied if their recital will serve as a kindergarten lesson to the Craft, and thus save my successor some wear and tear of the muscles of his mind.

The proposition of Colorado for a Collegium of Grand Lecturers was not approved.

All of the fifty District Deputies except two, and all of the six Division Lecturers made reports, showing harmony and prosperity in the lodges.

In his review of Canada for 1905, Bro. Joseph W.

Eggleston gives numerous extracts from the historical address of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and then says:

If further argument for our antiquity were necessary it would suffice to call attention to the fact that builders were once the very cream of social life. Indeed, they were the only aristocrats at one time, and all the intelligence and culture of the civilized world was devoted to architecture and its adornment. Conditions gradually changed, and after a while a balance in position was established and then the Craft began to add other cultured persons to its membership as Accepted Masons. When the operatives were the highest type, and occupied the most exalted position in society, were society in fact, the Craft was all operative, as conditions changed the Craft changed until it was chiefly speculative, and then the influence of changed conditions led to the organizations of Grand Lodges and also to record keeping. Any other reasoning is not logical or consistent with history.

Lodges, 284; members, 16,981; increase, 1,135.

Kosciusko Kemper (Alexandria), G. M.

Geo. W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

129th Communication, Richmond, February 13, 1907.

Kosciusko Kemper, G. M.

On the state of the Craft the Grand Master has the following:

The past year has been a very prosperous one. Peace and harmony has prevailed among the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. The lodges, for the most part, have been doing splendid work, taking into the fold intelligent young men, the pink and flower of the several communities in which located.

The officers, both from personal observation and information, are well equipped and doing excellent work in conferring degrees, and almost every lodge has among its members those thoroughly competent to fill any station to which they may be chosen. This satisfactory condition is due to the strict enforcement of the requirement that all shall be proficient in the catechism of the several degrees before advancement.

Nothing has occurred during the past year to disturb the friendly relations with other jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence.

I sing a Noble Science, wide proclaimed—
 An Ancient Art which ne'er can be defamed;
 My pen is bold, yet bolder is my theme;
 Long has it reigned, and long will reign supreme;
 And should the world, at this, my choice, demur,
 Or on these lines should cast some slighting slur—
 Still would my ardor for the theme increase,
 And still should I conduct my ode in peace.
 Begun in order—closed in harmony—
 What subject better than Freemasonry?

Alberta and Valle de Mexico were recognized.

They have 50 District Deputies, all of whom made reports, showing the lodges in good condition and well looked after.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1906, Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston has the following remarks on the non-payment of dues:

There is before us all a startling fact. It is that we have none of us devised the proper penalty for non-payment of dues. Some, like Virginia, suspended 'from all the rights and benefits of Masonry,' which is next to our greatest penalty possible to impose for the most flagrant crime a man can commit. Indeed, unless terminated by restoration, it is exactly the same as expulsion. Some drop from the roll and make non-affiliates of these delinquents. A few charge up dues during this suspension from lodge membership, and make payment of the dues to date, ipso facto, reinstate. Many a brother is at first only careless, possibly because temporarily hard up, with no thought of delinquency, until he wakes up to the fact that his dues have accumulated to an amount he does not feel able, in justice to his family, to pay. Now, such a case is more the fault of lodge officers than his own. Prompt collection is a duty. Would it not be well to impose a penalty on every lodge that permits a member to become delinquent to the extent of, say, one and one-half years' dues? This would result in either prompt collection, remission, or suspension, and at least eliminate one class of delinquents, and that the class we most care to keep within our doors.

Lodges, 284; members, 17,644; increase, 663.

Silvanus J. Quinn (Fredericksburg), G. M.

George W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

49th Communication, Spokane, June 12, 1906.

Abraham L. Miller, G. M.

He reports the condition of the Craft as very gratifying. The pleasure of the meeting was intensified by their beautiful surroundings, the prevailing prosperity of the country, and the prosperous outlook for the future.

The special duty on their lodge in Nome, Alaska, reports as follows:

I have no fear for the future of that lodge, the long winters there, coupled with the absence of theatrical entertainments such as we have in the States, give the members ample opportunity to study Masonry, both as a system of philosophy and a system of ritualism. Last winter they often met about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and kept the lodge open until 11 or 12 o'clock discussing every phase of Masonry and the esoteric

work. The officers invariably appear in full dress, as do many of the members and visiting brethren. They have a very high opinion of their lodge and they uphold its dignity in a manner that is very gratifying. I found them well versed in the standard work of Washington. I have little doubt that Anvil lodge will shortly become, if it is not already, the best governed and best working lodge within the grand jurisdiction of Washington.

Eight new lodges were organized.

A committee was appointed to prepare a cremation burial service.

The Grand Master decided that "Dimitts can be issued only to Master Masons, and a dimit given to an E. A. in a foreign jurisdiction cannot be recognized here." The Committee on Jurisprudence very properly modified this decision as follows:

In this jurisdiction dimitts can be issued to Master Masons only. The validity of a dimit granted in a foreign jurisdiction to an Entered Apprentice Mason is determined by the law of the jurisdiction which issued it.

Very interesting and appropriate memorial addresses were delivered regarding the death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas M. Reed, who had held office for nearly 47 years. He was one of the original members of the Grand Lodge and its first Grand Secretary. He was widely known and highly esteemed and loved by his brethren. When the Washington Masonic Home is built it is to be called "The Reid Memorial Home," as a perpetual monument to his life and services.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1905, Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick has the following:

The event of the session was an historical address by M. W. J. Ross Robertson. It is one of the most valuable contributions of the year, being a plain statement of the history and growth of the Order as we know it. He divests the subject of that air of mystery so often employed by those who assume to be our better informed brethren, and makes a readable monograph on the historical elements of speculative Masonry. We regret that we cannot reproduce so much of it as it is not of purely local interest.

We also quote the following from his notice of Indiana. It is applicable to more Grand Lodges than one:

This suggestion of individual responsibility is a good one. Scores of men attend the sessions of our Grand Lodge who take no part whatever in the deliberations of these bodies. They suggest nothing, they are never met in opposition, and

yet they are among the first to criticize if things do not go as they think they should go. Only last year we heard a Master of a lodge say that he did not care to go to the Grand Lodge because "a lot of you old fellows do all the talking and a new-comer stands no show." We venture that there is not a Grand Lodge in America that would not welcome an infusion of bright new blood. It is true that there is a disposition to keep in evidence that and those "which has gone before," but whose fault is it? An incoming Grand Master, ambitious, but anxious for the success of his administration, is bound to turn to those who have made good, and so long as met silently by and watch the stream sweep past without even casting a leaf on the flowing tide they have no cause to complain. This is not the day of the unknown, and the Craft should be taught that preferment is possible for all, but will only come to those who by their skill have actually earned promotion. Every Mason should be made to feel his individual responsibility. Who best can work and best agree sounds well in the ritual; it would look better in practice.

Lodges, 145; members, 9,880; increase, 883.

Edward F. Waggoner (Spokane), G. M.

Horace W. Tyler (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Proceedings from April, 1905, to April, 1906.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 28, 1905.

Owing to the absence of the Grand Master in the Old Country the Grand Lodge was opened by the Pro. Grand Master, Bro. Michael Samson. In his address the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is thus referred to:

It is a matter of keen disappointment to all brethren in Western Australia who prize Masonic peace and harmony above the external advantages of constitutional preferment, to learn that Bro. the Rev. D. I. Freedman, the Scottish District Grand Master Substitute, has brought back from Edinburgh a report conveying the most emphatic refusal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to endorse the satisfactory scheme of settlement which was arranged between ourselves and the local Scotch brethren. Australasia has long grown accustomed to the hostility of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and certainly the Grand Lodge of Western Australia never expected any sympathy while the present administration holds sway, but what we did hope for was some respect for the resolutions of her own District Grand Lodge, for she had already announced that matters affecting intercourse were left entirely to the brethren concerned. The convenient manner in which she ignores the representations of her own brethren in Western Australia is a striking commentary on the wisdom of being governed by a body of men residing on the other side of the globe, who know nothing whatever of local conditions.

and who are quite incapable of appreciating any of the difficulties which her brethren beyond the seas may have to contend with. From the latest proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I quote the following reference to Western Australia :

"A communication from the District Grand Master of Western Australia intimating the resolutions of his District Grand Lodge, recommending that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should recognize a body designating itself the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and requesting that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should terminate its jurisdiction in the colony, was read and considered. Grand Committee unanimously declined to accede to the recommendations, and approved of the terms of a letter intimating this decision, which it instructed Grand Secretary to send in reply to the District Grand Master."

That portion of the report that mainly interests us is the indication of the steady manner in which we are winning our way into the affections of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In the early stages of our correspondence we were referred to as "Bro. Stevenson's body," then we became a "would be Grand Lodge," and later on "a so called Grand Lodge;" and now we have risen to the high and dignified position of "a body designating itself a Grand Lodge." This variety of nomenclature is explained on reading Clause 4 of Bro. Freedman's report, when he says, "the Foreign and Colonial Committee decline to take any note of the recognition given to the West Australian Constitution by practically all the rest of the Grand Lodges throughout the world, and in Clause 8, "the Committee hoped that the brethren would remain loyal to the flag of Scotland." This expression forcibly reminds us that neither Scotland, nor indeed does any other country, possess a distinctive Masonic flag. Masonry is universal, and its universality is one of the secrets of its wonderful power and growth. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are what demand our loyalty as Masons, and while we remain steadfast to our great principles we can afford to be indifferent to that incessant pleading from across the seas which keeps continually calling for loyalty and support to a flag which has no Masonic significance. The brethren in Western Australia are rapidly becoming educated on this question, and as education advances, so in proportion will adhesion to the Grand Lodge of Scotland disappear. The only ray of sunshine that peers through the Scottish clouds is the admission of the Foreign and Colonial Committee that the severance of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was a mistake, and this admission leads us to hope that they will finally be influenced by the prevailing sentiment of English speaking Masons, and recede from a position which finds no support except among themselves.

In conclusion, I desire to pay a tribute of praise, and to offer our thanks to the local Scotch Masons for their honest and praiseworthy efforts to improve the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs, and to express to them our regret that their Edinburgh rulers did not accord them that freedom of action in local matters which they promised in 1903. For

the better information of the members of Grand Lodge, I have instructed the Grand Secretary to print the remarks of Scotland's Foreign and Colonial Committee in the report of this communication.

Authority was given to the Board of General Purposes to appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Quarterly Communication, Boulder, October 27, 1905.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, G. M.

Of part of his tour, he says:

While I have been away from the State I have taken advantage of my opportunities to have interviews with the Grand Secretary of England, who communicated to me the result of the deliberations of the Joint Committee of England, Ireland and Scotland on the formation of Grand Lodges. I am afraid that I was very vexed and showed my disapproval very plainly. Not that it matters to us now, but it seemed to me that if the conditions laid down by this committee are to be fulfilled, then there is absolutely no chance of any more Grand Lodges being formed. I pointed out that it appeared to be impossible for Masons at home to understand the conditions under which we labor, and that it was impossible for us to be dictated to by those at home. Before any decision had been come to I thing all the Grand Lodges in the Colonies and America should have been consulted.

Masonry is carried on here with great enthusiasm, great zeal, and I may add, with every indication of acting in a truly Masonic spirit, and it ought to be taken for granted that we only want to act for the good of the Craft in general. We in our Constitution are neither English, Irish, or Scotch, but, just as the State is chiefly built up of men from these three great nations, and we are here living in peace one with another, and building up a new nation, so is Masonry, under the banner of Western Australia, we recognize no distinction of race, but are one in brotherhood and sympathy.

I saw the Grand Master of New South Wales, who is perfectly satisfied that his Grand Lodge and ours did what was right in recognizing the new Grand Lodge of Queensland. I was able to sympathize with him in the regret they feel in New South Wales that His Excellency the Governor, the genial Sir Henry Rawson, is still delayed in England, owing to the serious illness of Lady Rawson, and that the date of the installation of Sir Harry as G. M. of New South Wales has had again to be postponed. We all wish Lady Rawson a speedy recovery and Sir Harry a speedy return to Sydney.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, January 26, 1906.

The Grand Master reports the coming over of another Scotch lodge. The motion for the return of the Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland was carried with but one dissentient.

On undress regalia the following report of the Board was adopted:

For some time past the Board has had under consideration the advisableness of providing Grand Officers with sets of undress regalia, with a view to saving the wear and tear of the full dress regalia at present in use, and also to enable Past Grand Officers to procure regalia at a moderate price. Messrs. Spencer & Co., London, who supplied the other Grand Lodge regalia, have submitted a sample undress set, which the Board approves of. The apron and collar will cost £2 17s. 6d., and japanned air-tight case, with lock and key, 10s., making a total of £3 7s. 6d. per set, subject to a discount of 25 per cent. The Board recommends (1) Grand Lodge to authorize the necessary expenditure for the purchase of 22 sets of undress regalia, at the cost of £3 7s. 6d. per set, less 25 per cent.; (2) that the Board of General Purposes be authorized to make the necessary alteration in the regalia clauses of the Book of Constitution (Rules 192-3).

Upon the special report of the Board of Benevolence, fund was established to be called the West Australian Widows, Orphans and Aged Freemasons' Fund. It is to be supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

Quarterly Communication, April 27, 1906.

Two more Scotch lodges surrendered their warrants and joined the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Steps were taken for a conference of all the Grand Lodges of Australia, with a view to the formation of a Council of Reference, to which questions of Masonic autonomy and other matters may from time to time be referred. This movement should succeed. The idea is a good one and should be supported. If they all act as one body their influence will be enormously increased.

Their first report on Correspondence is the joint production of a committee of seven. Canada for 1904 and 1905 is fraternally noticed. On the pernicious results of too much concurrent jurisdiction the following example is given:

It is safe to assume that competition in most things in life is beneficial, but when applied to Freemasonry it is accompanied by disastrous results. It is related that in a certain Australian state, before a Grand Lodge was formed there, and at a time when the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions had concurrent jurisdiction, seven brethren formed a new lodge in a certain township, and before two months had elapsed the same brethren formed another lodge in a neighboring township. It was doubtful if there was really room for the first lodge, but the second there was no room for, because it was formed solely for the purpose of keeping another Constitution out. In order to live it was necessary that each of these lodges should initiate a fair number of candidates each year, and as Masonic material of requisite quality is not

too plentiful in small Australian townships, it is at once evident that under such circumstances "selection" becomes impossible, and a real danger to the Craft is thus constituted. There are towns in Australia with a population not exceeding 2,000, where there are three lodges of three different Constitutions. As a rule, nobody who desires to join the Craft is kept out here, for if one lodge refuses a candidate one of the others will be sure to accept him. In one case competition got so keen that one lodge initiated candidates on the time-payment system. District Grand Masters cannot be held guiltless of the charge of indiscriminately opening new lodges, for they often permit the element of competition to influence their administrative acts to the temporary advantage of their own Constitution, and the permanent injury of the Craft in that particular territory.

Lodges, 76; members, 3,684; increase, 162.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

42nd Communication, Huntington, November 14, 1906.

George W. McClintic, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

'We have had in our material affairs a prosperous year in this jurisdiction, and naturally a prosperous people have produced a prosperous Masonic year. Our members have rapidly increased and four new lodges have been formed, and we believe that in all respects the fraternity is to be congratulated upon the splendid showing made.'

Queensland and Alberta were recognized, and the requests for recognition of Brazil and Valle de Mexico were postponed.

Liquor sellers are ineligible for initiation of affiliation, and any member who hereafter engages in the sale of liquor is guilty of a Masonic offence and liable to expulsion.

The Grand Secretary presented a capital report on Correspondence. Canada for 1906 receives the most cordial attention. In his review of Louisiana we find the following:

He advocates the patronizing of Masonic periodicals, his observation teaching him, he says, "that a reading person is generally a wise man and Mason." That, my brother, is the general consensus of opinion of every intelligent and wide-awake brother, and why our Masonic journals are not more generally and liberally patronized and read by the brethren

of the fraternity is as much a mystery to me as "How old is Ann?" Their editors are as bright and intellectual a set of men as wield the pen in other branches of literature, and every issue of their periodicals present something new and worthy not only of the attention of the thoughtful, progressive Mason, but of filing away and preserving for reference. Yes, brethren, get a move on you, subscribe for some Masonic periodical, and if you don't care to read it, we will wager the proverbial "doughnut to dollars" that your family does and will not miss a line of it either, including the advertisements. Try it a year anyhow.

Lodges, 136; members, 11,006; increase, 883.

Tom G. Strickler (Ellenboro), G. M.

H. R. Howard (Point Pleasant), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

62nd Communication, Milwaukee, June 12, 1906.

Jesse C. Bradlev, G. M.

The reports show a most gratifying condition of the Craft and in the affairs of the Grand Lodge. They are fortunate in having a liberal brother who has given the Craft a Masonic Home:

Through the splendid generosity of Bro. Willard A. Van Brunt, of Horicon, Wisconsin is to have a Masonic Home, he having deeded to the Wisconsin Consistory, A. A. S. R., the Van Brunt farm of 320 acres near Dousman, Wisconsin, about thirty miles from Milwaukee. This farm has the reputation of being one of the very finest and best in the State of Wisconsin, and with its splendid location, buildings and equipment it is an ideal place for a Masonic Home. I am informed that arrangements for the equipment of the home are well under way and that it will be open for the brethren this fall. Full information relative to arrangements for admission to the Home, etc., will soon be obtainable from the Secretary of the Wisconsin Consistory Home Association. A provision in the deed of conveyance of the Van Brunt farm covers the admission of all Master Masons in good standing.

The sum of \$1,000 was ordered to be set aside annually for the use of the Grand Master, to be dispensed by him for charitable purposes as in his judgment may seem wise.

Alberta was recognized and the application of Valle de Mexico was refused.

Bro. Aldra Jenks reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905. His comments on the injustice of the joint resolution of England, Scotland and Ireland are forcible and to the point:

The third resolution violates every principle of Masonic law and never should have been agreed to. A majority of the

lodges working in any province are fully competent to decide as to the advisability of setting up an independent Grand Lodge ; if this is done no new lodge should be warranted in this territory by the mother Grand Lodges. To require " at least two-thirds of the lodges in each jurisdiction " to signify their adhesion to the new body is grossly unjust and unmasonic. This resolution, however, goes even still farther and withholds recognition unless it is granted by all three of the mother Grand Lodges, notwithstanding two-thirds of the lodges existing under each Constitution may request it. It practically leaves but one course to be pursued in establishing a Grand Lodge in a province and that is by Masonic rebellion. Suppose in any province there were one hundred lodges working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, one hundred under the Grand Lodge of England, and two working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, as it has heretofore done, prohibits the lodges or member of lodges under its obedience, in the lodge or out of it to discuss the advisability of forming an independent Grand Lodge ; under these circumstances one of these Scotch Lodges falls to give its adhesion to the movement to organize a new Grand Lodge while all of the 201 remaining lodges are desirous of doing so. Under the resolution agreed to, recognition must be withheld by all of these Grand Lodges, the objection of this one lodge frustrating the desire of all the others. It is certainly much better that lodges should be governed by one local Grand Lodge composed of their own representatives and conversant with their own situation and needs rather than be governed by three independent Grand Lodges on the other side of the globe. As long as Masons are Free Masons it is safe to say that they will not permanently submit to such dictation by the parent Grand Lodge, whether they receive recognition therefrom or not ; nor will other independent Grand Lodges, through courtesy, respect such determination or unite in an endeavor to coerce the lodges to remain in obedience to the mother Grand Lodges.

Lodges, 254 ; members, 22,118 ; increase, 867.

Edwin J. Farr (Eau Claire), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

32nd Communication, Douglas, September 5, 1906.

M. R. Johnston, G. M.

The address contains a clear account of official acts and visitations, with several decisions. Two new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Western Australia were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to prepare, have printed and distributed to our lodges at cost, cards or certificates to be signed by the secretary of lodge issuing same, with seal of lodge attached, and the certificate of our Grand Secretary certifying to the regularity of said lodge.

Bro. Kuykendall was elected Grand Secretary for the twentieth time consecutively.

In his review of Scotland he says:

In our last report we had occasion to refer to the action of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland regarding the formation of new Grand Lodges by lodges of their constitution, over which trouble has arisen in nearly every case in the past and is now patent in the cases of Western Australia and Queensland. From an American standpoint the foundation for all the trouble and friction arising is caused by the position maintained by both of said Grand Lodges on two questions unheard of in this country, namely: The insistence upon maintaining within the territory of a new Grand Lodge all of their lodges that decline to join in forming the latter as long as said lodges determine to hold aloof; secondly, in preventing or allowing their Provincial and District Grand Masters to prevent, a full, free and untrammelled expression by all the lodges which are requested by invitation to send delegates to a convention for the purpose of determining the question of forming a new Grand Lodge, and after the same is formed with some lodges not participating therein, to refuse to grant recognition only on condition that all their rights be reserved and guaranteed to said lodges. In other words, recognition with a string to it. All this, too, in face of the fact that both of said Grand Lodges claim complete sovereignty over every inch of their own territory.

All this from a nearly universal Masonic standpoint is utterly indefensible and we were surprised when we read that the conference between the representatives of said Grand Lodges had agreed that no new Grand Lodges would hereafter be recognized by either except upon above conditions and unless two-thirds of all the lodges of each constitution in a given territory, instead of a majority as heretofore held, shall join in their formation. Beyond this agreement we believe it is held everywhere that a majority only is necessary, and many Masonic jurists claim that where all the lodges in a given territory where no Grand Lodge exists are specially invited to participate in a convention to determine the question of forming a Grand Lodge, the representatives of three or more of said lodges can, to all intents and purposes, form a legally organized Grand Lodge. In such cases we have always held to the majority rule, but believe that where strong influence, repressive measures and any interference whatever is brought to bear to prevent such participation a Grand Lodge can be formed legally by three or more lodges in any unoccupied territory or in any province or colony having a

status and boundaries under the civil government of the mother country.

Canada for 1905 has fraternal notice.

Peter S. Cook (Cheyenne), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

ALBERTA.

First Annual Communication, Medicine Hat, February 20, 1906.

O. W. Kealy, G. J. W. as Grand Master.

The Grand Master, Bro. George Macdonald, was not able to be present and his address was read by the acting Grand Master. It commences as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., is at last a body in effect and recognized by our mother Grand Lodge and the fraternity as a trustworthy offspring, capable of ruling and governing, and we hope and trust capable of adding generously to the wealth of our Masonic teachings. I hope we may ever merit the kindness and good feeling which have accompanied us into existence and that the trust reposed in us is well founded, and that we may be found extending the sphere of our usefulness and adding light and lustre to our time-honored institution.

As far back as the year 1888 several of our brethren were looking forward to the dawn of this our Grand Masonic body, and some of them are still spared to join with us in welcoming the existence of a new star in the Masonic firmament. May it soon in its symbolic teachings reach its zenith, paralleling the brilliancy of the mid-day sun, and may it long continue so, and though at times its brightness may dim as fleeting clouds obscure its lustre may it ever resume its brilliant path and never find a setting.

New lodges were opened at High River and Carstairs.

A number of amendments were found to be necessary to their new Constitution, and a special committee was appointed to consider further amendments and to correct all inconsistencies.

A committee was appointed to consider ways and means to establish a Masonic Home and School.

Lodges, 20; members, 1,206; increase, 37.

O. W. Kealy (Medicine Hat), G. M.

J. J. Dunlop (Edmonton), G. S.

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British Columbia.. . .	1906	New South Wales ..	1906
California	1906	New York.. . . .	1906
Colorado	1906	New Zealand	1906
Connecticut.	1907	North Dakota.. . .	1906
Delaware	1906	Nova Scotia	1906
Dist. of Columbia. . .	1906	Ohio.	1906
Florida.. . . .	1907	Oklahoma.. . . .	1907
Georgia.	1906	Oregon.. . . .	1906
Idaho.	1906	Pennsylvania	1906
Illinois.. . . .	1906	Prince Edward Is..	1906
Indian Territory.. . .	1906	Queensland. . . .	1906
Iowa.	1906	Rhode Island.. . .	1906
Ireland.. . . .	1906	Scotland.	1906
Kansas.. . . .	1907	South Australia ..	1906
Kentucky	1906	South Carolina. . .	1906
Louisiana.. . . .	1907	South Dakota.. . .	1906
Maine	1906	Tasmania.. . . .	1906
Manitoba	1906	Tennessee.. . . .	1907
Maryland.. . . .	1906	Texas	1906
Massachusetts. . . .	1906	Vermont	1906
Michigan	1906	Virginia.	1906-07
Minnesota.. . . .	1907	Washington	1906
Mississippi.	1907	Western Australia. .	1906
Missouri.	1906	West Virginia. . .	1906
Montana.	1906	Wisconsin.. . . .	1906
Nebraska	1906	Wyoming.. . . .	1906
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PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

The following Proceedings have not come to hand at the date of closing this report: Arizona, 1906; Indiana, 1907; New Brunswick, 1906; North Carolina, 1907; Quebec, 1907; Utah, 1907.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

COLLINGWOOD, June 10th, 1907.

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OF Canada in the Province of Ontario.

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M. W. Bro. Augustine T. Pined, Hamilton, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. D. P. Macgregor, Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Officers, Grand Master, Warden.

R. W. Bro. P. A. Cunningham, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.
Warden.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Tiler.

M. W. Bro. Frank Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. R. W. Hodgson, Grand Sargent.

R. W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich, Stoneyville, Grand Chaplain.
And the open vote of Grand Lodge.

Bro. William Dalton, Niagara Falls, South Grand.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Robt. H. Howell, Walkersville, Ont. (East).

" A. Thomas, Woodville, " (St. Cath.)

" R. H. C. Blinn, Arden, " (London)

" H. A. L. White, St. Mary's, " (South Huron)

" Thomas Brown, Woodville, " (North Huron)

" George Stewart, Walkersville, " (Midland)

" J. A. C. Brown, Walkersville, " (Wellington)

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" W. H. Shaw, Toronto, " (Toronto West)

" W. H. Carroll, Toronto, " (Toronto East)

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" J. H. Perry, Port Williams, " (Algonquin)

" C. W. Macdonald, Woodville, " (North York)

" E. C. Fisher, Hamilton, " (Argenteau)

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The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, will be held at Niagara Falls on the 2nd Wednesday, being the 14th day of July, A. D. 1908, at 2 o'clock.

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1907-1908

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at Worcester on the 16th August 1907
at Worcester on the 24th August 1907
at Worcester on the 17th June 1908

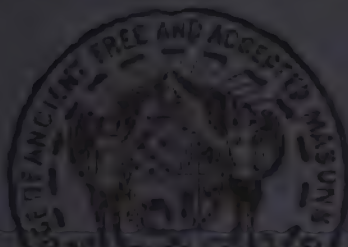
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Elmvale on the 31st June, 1907; at Windsor on the 8th August, 1907; at
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*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Village of Elmvale, on Wednesday,
the 31st day of June, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. . . .	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. W. A. Sneath	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. W. H. Sparling.	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. (Rev.) H. Brown.	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. (Rev.) T. W. Leggott. . .	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. John H. Dickinson. . .	as Grand Secretary.
Bro. R. Peters	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. W. H. Wallace.	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Amos Train	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. R. M. Stewart	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Bro. W. A. Upton	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. Wardell	as Grand Tyler.
Bro. A. H. Campbell.	as Grand Registrar.
Bro. John Anderson	as Grand Organist.
Bro. R. Bell	} as Grand Stewards.
Bro. H. Carnahan	
Bro. T. W. Robertson	
Bro. D. Currie	
Bro. J. L. Thompson	
Bro. John Hunter	
Bro. Jas. McDermott	}
Bro. W. C. Walls	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3 o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. Murray, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of Elmvale Methodist Church, in the Village of Elmvale, County of Simcoe.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Rev. Bro. Leggott read an address to the acting M. W. Grand Master, to which a suitable reply was made, after which the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people. The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Supt. of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 31st day of July, A. D. 1907, in the seventh year of the
reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor
of India, etc.

His Excellency, EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieutenant-
Governor of Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of
Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province
of Ontario.

A. B. THOMPSON, M. L. A., and L. McCARTHEY, M. P.
Rev. ALBERT CARMAN, D. D., General Superintendent of
the Methodist Church.

W. A. BOYS, Esq., Warden of the County of Simcoe.

M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

R. W. Bro. J. W. BETHUNE, D. D. G. M. of Georgian
District No. 9.

This Corner Stone

Of the Elmvale Methodist Church was laid by M. W. Bro.
Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary (delegated by M. W. Bro.

A. T. Freed, Grand Master), assisted by a number of
Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large
concourse of brethren and citizens of Elm-
vale and the surrounding country.

John Trace, S. Manning, A. C. Bishop, George Usher, Wm.
Preston, George Stephenson, Rev. T. W. Leggott,
J. Lillicomb, Building Committee.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone. The Deputy Grand Master and the acting Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The stone was then consecrated with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession being re-formed, Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room and was closed in due form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
held at Windsor, in the County of Essex, on
Thursday, the 8th day of August, 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed..	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. F. Miller	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. P. A. Sommerville...	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. W. H. Snelgrove	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. S. Buchanan	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. Alfred Miers	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Christianson	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. G. Smeaton	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. F. A. P. Chadwick ..	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. J. S. Edgar	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. C. Koelln	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. Carson	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. W. Reid	as Grand Tyler.
Bro. J. Broderick	} as Grand Steward.
Bro. D. Cheyne	
Bro. Raymond Walker ...	as Grand Organist.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the several lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 p. m. by M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Church of the Ascension (Anglican) at Windsor, in the County of Essex.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was received by Windsor Lodge, No. 403, the officers of which vacated their chairs in favor of the Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Lodge then received the following distinguished members of the Michigan Grand Lodge : M. W. Bro. Frank T. Lodge, Past Grand Master ; M. W. Bro. Gilbert, Past Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. McGregor, Grand Tyler, who made a fitting reply to their welcome.

Grand Lodge was then called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The proceedings opened by an invocation from the acting Grand Chaplain, after which the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name," was sung by the choir.

Mr. S. Lusted then read an address to the M. W. the Grand Master, to which the Grand Master made a suitable reply, after which the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing on the work, the acting Grand Supt. of Works then read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 8th day of August, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and the seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, G. C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

His Honor the Hon. SIR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K.C. being Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. R. F. SUTHERLAND, K. C., M. P.
A. H. CLARK, Esq., M. P.

The Right Rev. DAVID WILLIAMS, D. D., being Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. W. H. SNELGROVE, being Rector of the Church. E. S. WIGLE, Esq., being Mayor of the City of Windsor.

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. R. H. REVELL, D. D. G. M. of the First Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Of the Church of the Ascension was laid by M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large number of brethren and citizens of the City of Windsor and surrounding places.

Rector, the Rev. W. H. Snelgrove.

Churchwardens, S. Lusted, E. T. Howe.

Building Committee—The Rev. W. H. Snelgrove (Chairman), S. Lusted, E. T. Howe, L. J. Hanes, G. K. Prowse, L. N.

Parsons, W. Humphrey, W. Beall, W. T. Turner, J. Hogan, F. Daniel, F. Linley.

Choirmaster, E. Wilkinson.

Organist, Miss Marion Hind.

Sexton, C. Harwood.

Vestry Clerk, W. T. Turner.

Architect, J. M. Watt.

Alfred Miers, Acting Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the coins and other records in the cavity in the stone.

The D. G. Master and the Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

Grand Honors were then given under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, after which the Grand Master gave an address.

The Rector then introduced to the Grand Master Mrs. L. J. Hanes, who presented to him a beautiful silver trowel, commemorative of the occasion, to which a fitting reply was made.

After the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," had been sung, the rector pronounced the benediction and the procession re-formed, returning to the Temple.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at Durham, in the County of Grey, on
Friday, the 16th day of August, A. D. 1907, A. L.
5907.*

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston.....	as Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. C. H. Witthun	as Past Grand Master.
W. Bro. James McClelland.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. A. Gunn, M. D.	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. R. Herbert	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. R. F. Taylor	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. Arch Davidson	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. S. Ireland	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. R. O. Kilgour	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. James Ireland	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. J. P. Telford	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Bro. Dr. F. H. Sneath	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. C. L. Grant	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. J. Hogarth	as Grand Organist.
Bro. W. G. Scott	} as Grand Steward.
Bro. George Melkle	
Bro. James Burt	
Bro. E. B. Yule	
Bro. J. J. Smith	
Bro. L. Menary	
Bro. N. McCannel	
Bro. J. F. Grant	
Bro. J. A. Graham	
Bro. J. N. Findlay	
Bro. A. McFarlane	
Bro. Simeon Young	as Grand Tyler.

Together with the Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 3.25 p. m. by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, D. D. G. M., who announced that he had been commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to open this Especial Communication of Grand

Lodge, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church (Anglican), in the Township of Egremont, County of Grey.

The summons calling the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, and the authority in writing of the Grand Master for the D. D. G. M., to act for him, were read.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and the brethren proceeded to the locality of the building, where a procession was formed, under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and proceeded to the site in the prescribed order, the brethren taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Rector of the church, the Rev. A. A. Bice, then read the following address to the R. W. the Acting Grand Master :

Durham, August 16th, 1907.

To J. A. V. Preston, B. A., L. L. B., District Deputy Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Wellington District No. 7, in the Province of Ontario.
Right Worshipful Sir :

On behalf of the Congregation, Wardens and Building Committee of St. Paul's Church, Egremont, we have great pleasure in welcoming you and the noble Order in which you hold such a distinguished position. We feel highly honored, and are deeply grateful to you, in having the ceremony of laying the corner stone of our new church performed by you, and under the authority of an organization so widespread, so far-reaching and so beneficent as that of Freemasonry.

The principles for which your noble Order stands are very familiar to those for which the Church has ever stood. They are the same firm, broad, Christian principles—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. You and your great Order are endeavoring to inculcate and further that doctrine, and we are attempting, in erecting this church, the corner stone of which you are about to lay, to more thoroughly carry out those principles and to obey the commands which the Grand Master of the Universe has laid to our charge.

We are especially pleased to have you and the other Grand Lodge officers with us on this interesting occasion, and feel honored in your acceding to our request. Again I welcome you and the members of the fraternity of Masons, to lay, with the time-honored forms and ceremonies of your Craft, the corner stone of this building, and in presenting you with this address and silver trowel, as mementoes of this event, we would express the wish that success may be continued to you in still greater measure and ever increasing prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the congregation.

A. A. BICE, B. A., Rector.

Chairman of Building Committee.

After the reply of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, and the presentation to him, by two bright little girls, of a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and afterwards deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the different coins of the realm, together with several copies of different newspapers of the County and Province, in the cavity of the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 16th day of August, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and in the seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

His Honor WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M., P. C., M. P., President of the King's Privy Council, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., M. P. P., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

H. H. MILLER, M. P., being member of the House of Commons of Canada for the South Riding of Grey.

DAVID JAMIESON, M. D., M. P. P., being member of the Ontario Legislature for the South Riding of Grey.

WALTER HASTIE, Esq., being Reeve of the Township of Egremont.

The Right Rev. DAVID WILLIAMS, M. A., D. D., L. L. D., being Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. A. A. BICE, B.A., being Rector of Durham and Egremont. Wardens, John Queen and William Davis.

Building Committee—Rev. A. A. Bice, B. A. (Chairman), William Davis, William McFadden, James Eden, Robert Mathews (Treasurer).

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. A. V. PRESTON, B. A., LL. B., being D.D.G.M.
of the 7th Masonic District.

M. W. Bro. HUGH MURRAY, being Grand Secretary Grand
Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

This Corner Stone

Of St. Paul's Church was laid by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston,
B. A., LL. B.; D. D. G. M., acting for the Grand Master,
assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and in the pres-
ence of a large concourse of brethren and inhab-
itants of the Township of Egremont, County
of Grey.

The acting Deputy Grand Master and acting Grand
Wardens applied the implements of their respective
offices to the stone, and after it had been properly placed
in position they announced that the Craftsmen had done
their duty.

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone
with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made,
truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Grand Honors were then given, under the direc-
tion of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the
acting Grand Master delivered an address.

Bro. Dr. Jamieson, M. P. P., and Mr. H. H. Miller,
M. P., also addressed the assembly, after which the
rector, Rev. A. A. Bise, made a fitting reply on behalf of
the congregation.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing.
the procession was re-formed, and the brethren returned
to the lodge room, when Grand Lodge was closed in form
at 10 o'clock p. m.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Village of Kemptville, on Tuesday,
the 8th day of October, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed Grand Master.

(The list of officers was lost.)

**Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing
from the various lodges.**

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3.30
o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master,
who announced that this Especial Communication of
Grand Lodge was called to assist him in laying the corner
stone of Leslie Memorial Hall.

W. Bro. P. T. Smith, W. M. of Mount Zion Lodge,
No. 28, Kemptville, then read an address of welcome and
presented the Grand Master with a handsome silver
trowel, suitably inscribed.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing,
and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the
following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the
stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

**On the 8th day of October, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and the 7th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,**

Edward VII,

**King of Great Britain and Ireland, the British Dominions be-
yond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor
of India, etc.**

His Excellency EARL GREY, being Governor-General of Canada.

Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Most Reverend ARTHUR SWEETMAN, D. D., D. C. L., Archbishop of Ontario, being Metropolitan of the Province of Canada and Primate of all Canada.

The Right Reverend WILLIAM LENNOX MILLS, D.D., D.C.L., being Lord Bishop of Ontario.

The Very Reverend J. C. FARTHING, D. D., being Dean of Ontario.

The Venerable W. B. CAREY, D. C. L., and the Venerable J. K. MacMORICE, D. D., being Archdeacons.

The Rev. H. B. PATTON, M. A., being Rural Dean of Grenville.

The Rev. C. P. EMERY, being Rector of Kemptville.

The Rev. W. P. REENE, B. D., being Vicar of Kemptville.

J. D. REID, Esq., M. D., being member for Grenville in the Parliament of Canada.

G. H. FERGUSON, Esq., L. L. B., being member for Grenville in the Legislature of Ontario.

A. LANGSTAFF, Esq., being Reeve of the Village of Kemptville.

M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. E. A. GEIGER, being D. D. G. M. of the St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

This Corner Stone

Was laid by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Village of Kemptville and surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone. The acting Deputy Grand Master and the acting Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The stone was then consecrated with corn, wine and oil and pronounced well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then delivered an address on the Symbolism of the Corner Stone. Grand Honors were given, and the acting Grand Chaplain invoked a further blessing. The procession being re-formed, Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Meaford, on Monday, the 25th day of May, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Grand Master.
W. Bro. T. W. Todd	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Bethune	Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. F. D. Kent.	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. D. Hamill	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. A. Cameron	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Robt. McKnight	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Wm. Reekie	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. D. Rutherford	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. L. Cornwell	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Ed. McKay	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. James Sparling	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. A. Burritt	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. W. J. Bellamy	as Asst. Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. F. A. Clarke	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. G. S. Rogers	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. L. F. Boyd	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. John Miller	
W. Bro. J. A. Richardson	
W. Bro. F. H. Finley	
W. Bro. E. E. Miller	
W. Bro. J. P. Bunt	as Grand Stewards.
Bro. Geo. H. Hair	
Bro. H. N. Hartman	
Bro. James Gilson	
Bro. W. J. McCracken	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p. m. by the M. W. Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been

called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Meaford Methodist Church.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 25th day of May, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, and the 8th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the
Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of
India.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, C. M. G., being Governor-
General of Canada.

His Honor SIR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
M. P., President of the King's Privy Council, being
Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, M. P. P., K. C., being Premier of
the Province of Ontario.

J. W. HORSLEY, Esq., being Mayor of the Town of
Meaford.

Rev. J. C. SPEER, D. D., being President of the Toronto
Conference of the Methodist Church.

Rev. W. F. CAMPBELL, M. A., Ph. D., being Pastor of the
Meaford Methodist Church.

Quarterly Board—Mrs. C. M. Culbertson, Mrs. F. A. Mott,
E. Williamson, R. Agnew, E. Sewell, V. Oppenheimer, J. D.
Hamill, S. A. Gray, T. E. Bennett, M. D., E. Y. Godfrey, Homer
Reid, S. McClain, W. W. Stephen, R. J. Coveney, F. Kent, E.
Milligan, O. W. Reid, F. Rumsey, M. Hart; Oscar Boden, Re-
cording Steward.

Trustees—Oscar Boden, C. A. Farrar, J. D. Hamill, E. Y.
Godfrey, James Sparling, T. E. Bennett, M. D., Homer Reid,
W. W. Stephen, F. Kent, E. Sewell; S. A. Gray, Recording
Secretary.

Building Committee—C. A. Farrar, E. Y. Godfrey, W. W.
Stephen, F. Kent, S. A. Gray, Homer Reid; Oscar Boden,
Secretary.

Architect—J. S. Russell. Contractor—James Sparling.
M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. W. BETHUNE, being D. D. G. M. of the 9th
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Was laid by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Town of Meaford.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master then applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession then re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



R. H. Gumm
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ont-
ario, held at the Town of Merrickville, on Wednes-
day, the 17th day of June, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908.*

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John R. Reid	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. F. Graham	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. T. Austin Smith	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Smith	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. H. Fulford	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. S. Knapp	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R. W. Bro. S. Shaw	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. T. W. Cumbers	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. E. Angus	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. G. W. Elliott	
W. Bro. A. A. Chapman	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. G. H. Ferguson	
W. Bro. H. Bustard	
W. Bro. R. Hawkins	
W. Bro. J. D. Reid	
W. Bro. J. Cranston	
W. Bro. Robt. Edwards	
W. Bro. G. W. Chapman	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 11 o'clock a. m. by R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, acting for the M. W. Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of assisting him to lay the corner stone of the new Trinity Church (Anglican).

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was

called off, a procession formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 17th day of June, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, the 8th year
of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and
Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of
Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, G. C. M. G., being Governor-
General of Canada.

His Honor SIR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, Kt., K. C.,
Being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, D. C. L., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

A. E. BAKER, being Reeve of Merrickville.

The Right Rev. WILLIAM LENNOX MILLS, D. D., D. C. L.,
being Bishop of Ontario.

The Rev. John H. Coleman, M. A., being Rector of
Merrickville.

Church Wardens—J. M. Church, J. L. Nicholson.

Building Committee—J. H. R. Coleman, S. Jakes, R. W.
Watchorn, C. W. Postlethwaite, B. Mosher, J. H. Boyd,
J. Wylie, J. C. Jakes.

Contractors—Wm. H. Newman, S. J. Willson.

M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province
of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. E. A. GEIGER, being D. D. G. M. of the
15th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Of Trinity Church was laid by R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, D. D.
G. M., assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence
of a large concourse of brethren and citizens
of Merrickville and other places.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial
containing coins, newspapers and other records in the
cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master then applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty. The procession then re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



R. H. Gurney
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Fifty-third Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Niagara Falls, commencing Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt.

R. W. Bro. John R. ReidGrand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. P. A. SomervilleGrand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. C. H. RichGrand Chaplain.
 M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C...Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. Bro. R. L. GunnGrand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. R. W. HullGrand Registrar.
 V. W. Bro. A. E. HagermanGrand Senior Deacon.
 V. W. Bro. James CheyneGrand Junior Deacon.
 V. W. Bro. Walter RowanGrand Dir. of Ceremonies.
 V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedleras Asst. Grand Secretary.
 V. W. Bro. F. P. WarneGrand Organist.
 V. W. Bro. James A. SmithGrand Supt of Works.
 R. W. Bro. John Hoodlessas Grand Pursuivant.
 V. W. Bro. Robt. PyeGrand Sword Bearer.
 V. W. Bro. Kenneth Montgomery |
 V. W. Bro. John Miller Grand Stewards.
 V. W. Bro. F. T. Daville |
 V. W. Bro. W. B. Dalton |
 W. Bro. Wm. DaltonGrand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. R. H. Revell	..... Erle	District No. 1
"	A. Thoman	.....St. Clair " 2
"	E. E. C. Kilmer	..... London " 3
"	H. A. L. White	..... South Huron " 4
"	Thomas Brown	..... North Huron " 5

R. W. Bro. George Stewart	.....Willson	District No. 6	
"	J. A. V. Preston	....Wellington	" 7
"	Herbert S. Griffin	.. Hamilton	" 8
"	J. W. Bethune	.....Georgian	" 9
"	Geo. H. Pettit	.....Niagara	" 10
"	W. H. Shaw	.....Toronto West	" 11
"	W. R. Cavell	.....Toronto East	" 11a
"	Wm. Williamson	...Ontario	" 12
"	C. A. Lapp	.....Prince Edward	" 13
"	Wm. Jackson	.....Frontenac	" 14
"	E. A. Geiger	.....St. Lawrence	" 15
"	R. W. Kenning	.....Ottawa	" 16
"	J. H. Perry	.....Algoma	" 17
"	C. A. Haentschel	...Nipissing	" 18
"	J. E. Fisher	.....Muskoka	" 19
"	Duncan Walker	.....Otonabee	" 20
"	John Smith	.....Eastern	" 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	...England.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young	.....Alberta.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	.....British Columbia.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson	...Quebec.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord	.....New Zealand.
R. W. Bro. G. S. May	.....Queensland.
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	.....South Australia.
R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson	...Victoria.
M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	.....New York.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler	.....Arizona.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	...Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson	...District of Columbia.
M. W. Bro. W. R. Whyte	.....Georgia.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Flock	.....Idaho.
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw	.....Illinois.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid	.....Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	.....Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White	.....Maryland.
R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt	.....Nebraska.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea	.....New Mexico.
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless	.....North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	.....Oklahoma.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	.....South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLauchlin	...Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke	.....Vermont.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding	.....West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin	.....Belgium.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	.....Hungary.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope	.....Peru.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper	.....Porto Rico.

The above named Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and were accorded Grand Honors.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, Henry Robertson, J. Ross Robertson, W. R. White, Hon. Wm. Gibson, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, J. H. Burritt.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R. W. Bros. J. G. Bottomley, John Hoodless, Gavin Stewart, W. J. Drope, Wm. Forbes, C. H. Connor, Donald Ress, J. A. Tancock, Aubrey White, G. J. Bennett, W. G. Eakins, F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown, R. L. Gunn, R. G. W. Conolly, D. B. Simpson, S. Amsden, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, W. Birrell, Thos. McCallum, G. S. May, S. A. Luke, Geo. C. Holden, Lyman Lee, J. C. Hegler, F. C. Martin, Jas. McLaughlin, W. T. Toner, A. Shaw, Wm. Jackson, W. H. Walkey, B. J. Leubsdorf, W. D. Garner, Jas. Smiley, Jas. Ross, T. A. Simpson, F. Guest, J. G. Liddell, W. N. Ponton, Geo. Malcolm, R. W. Longmore, G. A. Aylesworth, J. Crow, Wm. Rea, W. G. Stephenson, P. W. D. Brodrick, Robt. Irvine, A. W. Cryslar, S. S. Clutton, R. N. Fraser, T. D. Minnes, J. C. Bartle, R. Mahoney, S. McWhorter, J. E. Francis, R. Guest, W. H. Wright, A. M. Cunningham, W. D. McPherson, Isaac Huber, N. B. Colcock, C. V. Emory, R. F. O'Neill, E. S. Wigle, J. B. Way, A. Carmichael, A. J. Anderson, W. H. Shaw, J. B. Nixon.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R. W. Bros. W. G. Eakins, J. A. McLaughlin, F. J. Howell, H. A. Taylor.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, A. E. Cooper, H. T. White, A. K. Wanless, R. V. Mathews.

Past Grand Registrars—R. W. Bros. J. C. Boyd, W. D. Tye, E. C. Davies.

Past Grand Senior Deacon—V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—V. W. Bros. J. G. Fogle, H. T. Smith.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bro. H. Hyndman.

Past Assistant Grand Secretary—V. W. Bro. Chas. Lemon.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bros. E. W. M. Flock, A. G. Horwood.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works—V. W. Bros. John B. Hay, A. C. Rorabeck.

Past Grand Pursuivant—V. W. Bro. John Newton.

Past Grand Stewards—V. W. Bros. H. A. L. Anderson, D. A. Graham, James Old, Thomas Pedler.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V. W. Bros. Thos. Newton, W. J. McAllister, R. Sloggett, M. G. Burwell, J. H. Dickinson, F. D. Diamond, J. K. Jones, N. Shafley, W. A. Clark, O. J. Bridle, E. H. Elliott, J. T. Hollinshead.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge Mr. R. F. Carter, Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and delivered the following address of welcome :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND GENTLEMEN :

Let me first thank you for the compliment you have paid me in inviting me to be present with you in my official capacity as Mayor of the city, and in that capacity permit me, on behalf of the Municipal Council and citizens generally, to extend you a cordial and hearty welcome to Niagara Falls, and as is the usual custom to offer you the freedom of the city. We can assure you we are pleased and gratified at the fact of you having chosen this as your place of meeting on this occasion, and we sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred upon us in your choice. We think your choice was well made, and that you were well advised when making it, as Niagara Falls is favorably situated as a convention city, giving the conventionist an opportunity of combining business with the pleasure of viewing and studying that wondrous work of nature, the Mighty Niagara, as well as many other points of scenic and historic interest in our neighborhood. Your local brethren have been able, through the courtesy of the different power companies, to obtain for you the privilege of visiting their gigantic installations, which will be of interest to those at least who are of a mechanical turn of mind, and give them an opportunity of seeing what man has been able to accomplish in harnessing and controlling these mighty forces for his benefit and convenience.

No doubt, Most Worshipful Sir, it would be quite in order at this point, were I not a member of the Order, to express some sentiments of a complimentary nature, but as a member I feel some hesitancy in doing so, but I can assure you as a Past Master of the Order, I am well aware of, and highly appreciate, the noble work in which it is engaged, and it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life, when an opportunity offers, of assisting in the work of teaching and disseminating, and I hope practicing, those grand principles upon which our Order is founded. Again, Most Worshipful Sir, let me extend to you a most hearty welcome, and again thank you for the honor bestowed upon us in your choice of Niagara Falls as your place of meeting on this occasion.

To which the Grand Master replied as follows :

MR. MAYOR:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I thank you most heartily for your kind and hospitable greeting. It is gratifying to us to be welcomed by one who is not only the chief executive officer of the City of Niagara Falls, but who is also a brother and a ruler in our craft. Grand Lodge is very fortunate in being able to meet in so beautiful a place as Niagara Falls, made wonderful by one of the marvels of nature, and made beautiful by the hand of man. We are also grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe because we have been favored by such fine weather. Nor do we forget, Mr. Mayor, that we are meeting on historic ground. On this very spot the soldiers of our King and the citizen soldiers of Canada fought a most desperate and bloody battle to preserve the liberties of our country. We should never forget the debt of

gratitude we owe to our forefathers for the sacrifices they made to preserve for us the blessings we now enjoy. Neither do we forget that at Niagara Falls that convention met which resolved to form the Grand Lodge of Canada. The preliminary steps were here taken which were carried to completion a few months later at Hamilton. On all accounts, therefore, we should rejoice that the Grand Lodge has the privilege of meeting this year in your beautiful city. For the excellent arrangements made by the local brethren, and citizens for our accommodation and entertainment, I beg to tender to you, Mr. Mayor, the warmest appreciation of the members of Grand Lodge.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at eleven o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

HISTORIC GAVEL.

At the request of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Historian of the Grand Lodge, gave the following history of the gavel with which Grand Lodge was opened :

The gavel which the M. W. the Grand Master has just used to open Grand Lodge has some historic value, and is of special interest to you, my brethren, at this the meeting of Grand Lodge held in the old Niagara district.

A hundred and sixteen years ago Gen. John Graves Simcoe inaugurated the first government of the Province of Upper Canada at the old town of Niagara, fourteen miles from where we now meet. He came from Exeter, in Devon, England, and this gavel was that used on the night of his initiation and passing in Union Lodge, Exeter, in December, 1773, and at his raising in January, 1774. Little did Bro. Simcoe think, when he resided at the old town of Niagara, that 116 years later the gavel that was used when he was made a Mason would be used again at a Grand Lodge in his old province, at which 800 of the brethren attended.

It was always a tradition that Gen. Simcoe was a Mason, but proof was not available. With the assistance of Bro. W. J. Hughan, the distinguished Masonic historian, I found an old record of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon showing Simcoe's initiation. It was a small printed book, picked out of a thousand that were for sale in a large library. This was ten years ago.

Then I searched for the minutes of Union Lodge, and last year, after being hidden away in a deed box in a bank vault in Exeter for over eighty years, these records were found intact. The records were complete. Then three months ago the proprietor of the ancient Globe Tavern in the cathedral yard found the old desk of Union Lodge in the attic of the old hotel, and on opening it found this gavel, which was, beyond doubt, that used in Union Lodge.

W. Bro. Andrew Hope, an enthusiastic Exeter Mason, was good enough to send the gavel to me. I need hardly say that I had much pleasure in suggesting to the Grand Master that it would be fitting, on such an occasion as this, that the gavel should be used for opening the Annual Communication, and acceding with pleasure to my suggestion the Grand Master enabled you, my brethren, to rise at the call of this treasured relic of the days of long ago.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Stewart McWhorter, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges, reported that there were 401 warranted lodges on the register; 320 are represented, 81 are not represented. There are 779 names registered, having a total of 1,438 votes. The following are the names of those present :

- No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.**
R. W. Bro. J. G. Bottomley, P. M. and Proxy ; R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall, V. W. Bro. H. L. Anderson, and W. Bro. W. E. Lyall, P. M's.
- No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.**
V. W. Bro. W. B. Dalton, P. M. and Proxy ; Bro. D. A. Givens, S. W., and A. R. B. Williamson, J. W.
- No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.**
W. Bro. A. E. Shaver, W. M.
- No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.**
M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, R. W. Bros. H. S. Griffin, John Hoodless, Gavin Stewart. T. Clappison. W. Bros. George Moore, Geo. H. Bull, R. B. Griffith, F. Johnson and Geo. Armstrong, P. M's.
- No. 7. Union, Grimsby.**
W. Bro. W. F. Randall, P. M. and Proxy ; R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope, Wm. Forbes, W. Bros. C. W. Harrison and C. T. Farrell, P. M's.
- No. 9. Union, Napanee.**
W. Bro. R. A. Croskery, W. M., and W. Bro. Rev. F. T. Dobb, P. M.
- No. 11. Moira, Belleville.**
W. Bro. A. E. McColl, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. John Newton and W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, P. M's.
- No. 14. True Britons, Perth.**
W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M.
- No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.**
R. W. Bro. C. H. Connor and W. Bro. A. T. Riddell, P. M's.
- No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.**
W. Bro. J. W. Rogers, W. M. ; Bro. A. MaComb, J. W. ; V. W. Bros. Henry T. Smith and A. E. Hagerman, W.

Bros. John Pearson, J. S. Lovell, L. H. Luke, L. J. Clark,
P. M's.

No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.

W. Bro. A. LeRoy Jex, W. M.

No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.

W. Bro. David Barker, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross,
P. M.

No. 20. St. John's, London.

W. Bro. J. O. Weldon, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. Tan-
cock, W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, G. F. Mills, P. M's.

No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.

W. Bro. J. A. McInnes, W. M.

No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. J.
McKerracher, P. M.

No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.

W. Bro. W. H. Legge, W. M. ; Bro. Chas. E. Hopper, S.
W. ; Bro. Robt. Shaw, J. W. ; W. Bros. P. G. Savage,
T. A. Lemon, G. B. Newberry, T. French and Thomas
Newton, P. M's.

No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.

W. Bro. J. R. Nichol, W. M.

No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.

W. Bro. H. M. Mowat, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. J. Ben-
nett, W. G. Eakins, F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown and
Rev. C. H. Rich, P. M's.

No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.

W. Bro. F. H. Brown, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.

W. Bro. F. T. Smye, W. M. ; Bro. A. W. Peene, S. W. ;
Bro. L. F. Stephens, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn
and F. J. Howell, and W. Bros. J. A. Yorick, G. R. Lloyd,
W. C. Morton, W. Parke, Robt. Morton, W. C. Brecken-
ridge, P. D. Carse, W. F. McGiverin, J. H. Collinson, C.
H. McIlroy, P. M's.

No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.

W. Bro. P. T. Smith, P. M.

No. 29. United, Brighton.

W. Bro. A. H. Foster, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. C. A. Lapp,
P. M.

No. 30. Composite, Whitby.

W. Bro. A. T. Lawler, W. M. ; W. Bros. W. J. H. Rich-
ardson, Jos. White and T. A. McGillivray, P. M's.

No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.

W. Bro. John H. McMurtry, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. R. G.
W. Conolly and D. B. Simpson, P. M's.

No. 32. Amity, Dunnville.

W. Bro. J. R. Robb, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. S. Amsden, W.
Bros. E. J. Aikens, J. C. Eccles and A. M. Clark, P. M's.

- No. 33.** Maltland, Goderich.
R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye, P. M.
- No. 34.** Thistle, Amherstburg.
W. Bro. E. A. Patton, W. M.
- No. 35.** St. John's, Cayuga.
W. Bro. J. W. Shepherd, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bros. W. T. Anthony and J. L. Barnum, P. M's.
- No. 37.** King Hiram, Ingersoll.
W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, W. M.
- No. 40.** St. John's, Hamilton.
W. Bro. James Gill, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. P. A. Somerville, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, W. Birrell, Thomas McCallum, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. L. Johnson, J. E. Riddell, A. P. Nicol, J. F. Mercer, P. M's.
- No. 41.** St. George's, Kingsville.
Bro. B. S. Sheldon, S. W.
- No. 42.** St. George's, London.
W. Bro. George Batt, W. M.
- No. 43.** King Solomon's, Woodstock.
W. Bro. L. E. Edward W. M.
- No. 44.** St. Thomas, St. Thomas.
W. Bro. Geo. Geddes, W. M. ; W. Bros. D. McCall and A. Leitch, P. M's.
- No. 45.** Brant, Brantford.
W. Bro. W. Bentham, W. M. ; W. Bro. F. J. Colbeck, P. M.
- No. 46.** Wellington, Chatham.
W. Bro. W. W. Turner, W. M. ; W. Bros. F. D. Laurie and Geo. Musson, P. M's.
- No. 47.** Great Western, Windsor.
W. Bro. G. English, W. M. ; Bros. J. Norbury, S. W., and F. Reid, J. W.
- No. 48.** Madoc, Madoc.
W. Bro. G. M. Wright, W. M. ; W. Bro. Harry Connor, P. M.
- No. 52.** Dalhousie, Ottawa.
Bro. J. R. Hill, S. W. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. S. May and John R. Reid, W. Bro. J. C. Scott, P. M's.
- No. 54.** Vaughan, Maple.
W. Bro. Thomas H. Keyes, W. M.
- No. 55.** Merrickville, Merrickville.
W. Bro. J. H. H. Coleman, W. M.
- No. 56.** Victoria, Sarnia.
W. Bro. A. V. Collins, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, Bros. A. E. McDonald and W. H. Hunt, P. M's.
- No. 57.** Harmony, Binbrook.
W. Bro. E. J. Whitworth, W. M.

- No. 58. Doric, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. W. H. Graham, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. S. A. Luke,
J. C. Bartram and W. Bro. H. O. E. Pratt, P. M's.
- No. 61. Acacia, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. Burwell Griffin, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. C.
Holden, R. V. Mathews, Lyman Lee, and W. Bros. E.
E. Linger, W. H. Wardrope, J. H. Smith, J. B. Smith,
T. E. Epps, F. H. Yapp, P. M's.
- No. 62. St. Andrew's, Caledonia.**
W. Bro. James McGregor, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. James
Old, P. M.
- No. 63. St. John's, Carleton Place.**
W. Bro. D. H. McIntosh, P. M. and proxy.
- No. 64. Kilwinning, London.**
W. Bro. W. A. Buchner, P. M. and Proxy ; V. W. Bro.
E. W. M. Flock and W. Bros. G. W. Francis and John
Paull, P. M's.
- No. 65. Rehoboam, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Alfred Davis, W. M. ; Bros. C. W. Dill, S. W.,
and T. S. Young, J. W.
- No. 66. Durham, Newcastle.**
W. Bro. J. K. Allen, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 68. St. John's, Ingersoll.**
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 69. Stirling, Stirling.**
W. Bro. W. R. Howson, W. M.
- No. 72. Alma, Galt.**
W. Bro. C. L. McWilliam, W. M.
- No. 73. St. James, St. Mary's.**
W. Bro. J. G. Constable, P. M. and Proxy ; R. W. Bro.
H. A. L. White, P. M.
- No. 74. St. James, S. Augusta.**
W. Bro. E. A. McKim, W. M. ; W. Bro. Robt. Edwards,
P. M.
- No. 75. St. John's, Toronto.**
W. Bros. James Knowles, H. S. King and J. H. McKin-
non, P. M's.
- No. 76. Oxford, Woodstock.**
W. Bro. J. G. Archibald, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. F. C.
Martin, P. M.
- No. 77. Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.**
M. W. Bro. John E. Harding and W. Bro. F. A. McDiar-
mid, P. M's.
- No. 78. King Hiram, Tilsonburg.**
W. Bros. L. B. C. Livingston, P. M. and Proxy ; A. E.
Raynes, P. M.

- No. 82.** **St. John's, Paris.**
W. Bro. J. S. Armitage, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. H. Fisher,
P. M.
- No. 86.** **Wilson, Toronto.**
W. Bro. George McLeish, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 87.** **Markham Union, Markham.**
W. Bros. F. A. Reesor, A. C. Reesor and James Mal-
colm, P. M's.
- No. 88.** **St. George's Owen Sound.**
W. Bro. J. A. Armour, W. M. ; Bro. C. D. Taylor, J. W. ;
R. W. Bro. James McLaughlin, and W. Bros. Allen
Cameron, E. A. McKay, J. M. Campbell, H. M. Little,
P. M's.
- No. 90.** **Manito, Collingwood.**
R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, P. M. and Proxy ; M. W. Bro.
Henry Robertson.
- No. 91.** **Colborne, Colborne.**
W. Bro. W. W. Southon, W. M.
- No. 92.** **Cararaqui, Kingston.**
R. W. Bros. A. Shaw, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Jackson,
P. M.
- No. 93.** **Northern Light, Kincardine.**
W. Bro. James B. Watson, W. M.
- No. 94.** **St. Mark's, Port Stanley.**
W. Bro. W. R. Wollatt, W. M. ; W. Bro. Walter Mitchell,
P. M.
- No. 96.** **Corinthian, Barrie.**
W. Bro. R. G. Manuel, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. D. F. Mac-
watt, P. M.
- No. 97.** **Sharon, Queensville.**
W. Bro. J. C. McFarland, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. T. Power,
P. M.
- No. 99.** **Tuscan, Newmarket.**
W. Bro. P. Morgan, W. M. ; W. Bro. P. T. Lee, P. M.
- No. 100.** **Valley, Dundas.**
Bro. Wm. Mount, J. W.
- No. 101.** **Corinthian, Peterboro.**
W. Bro. T. F. Matthews, W. M. ; Bro. W. S. Morrow, S.
W. ; R. W. Bro. W. H. Walkey, P. M.
- No. 103.** **Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.**
R. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro.
A. R. Thompson, P. M.
- No. 104.** **St. John's, Norwich.**
W. Bro. H. W. Eggman, W. M. ; W. Bros. G. W. Poldon,
H. VanVolkenburg and A. D. Ellis, P. M's.
- No. 105.** **St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South.**
W. Bro. C. J. Didemus, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. W. D. Gar-
ner, E. E. Fraser, V. W. Bro. R. Sloggett, W. Bros. C. J.

McKenzie, R. G. Murray, H. F. Garner, O. D. Glasgow,
D. W. Mitchell and S. J. Vanderburg, P. M's.

- No. 106. **Burford, Burford.**
W. Bro. S. Wallace, W. M. ; Bro. E. Burgess, J. W. ; W.
Bros. F. Leigh, J. Collins, G. Armstrong and R. Gant,
P. M's.
- No. 107. **St. Paul's, Lambeth.**
W. Bro. J. C. Love, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 108. **Blenheim, Princeton.**
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- No. 395. Parvaim, Comber.**
W. Bro. Thomas Beatty, W. M. ; W. Bros. A. J. Brown and D. T. Voakes, P. M's.
- No. 396. Cedar, Wlarton.**
W. Bro. W. M. Newman, W. M.
- No. 397. Leopold, Brigiden.**
W. Bro. J. W. Macdonald, P. M.
- No. 399. Moffatt, Harriettsville.**
W. Bro. S. E. Facey, P. M.
- No. 400. Oakville, Oakville.**
R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 401. Craig, Deseronto.**
W. Bro. W. Woodcock, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 402. Central, Essex.**
W. Bro. B. S. Tweedale, W. M.
- No. 403. Windsor, Windsor.**
W. Bro. H. D. Drake, W. M. ; Bros. J. Neilson, S. W., and F. M. Allworth, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. E. S. Wigle and R. H. Revell, P. M's.
- No. 404. Lorne, Tamworth.**
W. Bro. W. S. Wagar, W. M.
- No. 405. Mattawa, Mattawa.**
R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 408. Murray, Beaverton.**
W. Bro. D. E. McKenzie, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Wm. Williamson, P. M.
- No. 409. Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.**
V. W. Bro. J. H. Elliott, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 410. Zeta, Toronto.**
W. Bro. F. W. Mathews, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, W. Bros. E. Barber and J. G. Cane, P. M's.
- No. 412. Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, P. M.
- No. 415. Fort William, Fort William.**
W. Bro. J. Armstrong, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead and W. Bro. F. Symes, P. M's.
- No. 416. Lyn, Lyn.**
W. Bro. T. A. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 418. Maxville, Maxville.**
W. Bro. D. McLean, W. M.

No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.

W. Bro. O. S. Clark, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bros. J. B. Livingstone and C. A. Livingstone, P. M's.

No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.

W. Bro. W. J. Johnston, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. G. J. Horn-
ing, V. W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck, P. M's.

No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.

W. Bro. S. Tate, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston,
P. M.

No. 422. Star in the East, Bothwell.

W. Bro. A. Ellwood, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.

R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 424. Doric, Pickering.

W. Bro. John Gormley, W. M. ; W. Bros. G. W. P.
Every, R. A. Bunting, Rev. F. C. Harper, P. M's.

No. 426. Stanley, West Toronto.

R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro.
John Patterson, P. M.

No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.

W. Bro. Wm. Mitchell, W. M. ; W. Bros. C. R. Reid and
J. A. Orr, P. M's.

No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.

W. Bro. G. W. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.

V. W. Bro. John Parsell, P. M. and Proxy. R. W. Rev.
Bro. W. L. Baynes-Reid, P. M.

No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.

W. Bro. G. F. R. Richardson, W. M. ; W. Bros. J. Q.
Adams, Jas. Metcalfe, A. W. Freeland, F. W. Brooks,
P. M's.

No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.

W. Bro. Henry Pacey, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.

W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M.

No. 438. Harmony, Toronto.

R. W. Bros. W. H. Shaw and J. B. Nixon, V. W. Bro. E.
O. Davies, W. Bro. A. F. Sprott, P. M's.

No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.

W. Bro. D. J. Hartle, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 441. Westport, Westport.

W. Bro. T. A. Jeacle, W. M.

No. 442. Dymont, Thessalon.

W. Bro. J. H. R. Elliott, W. M.

No. 443. Powassen, Powassen.

W. Bro. A. Oldfield, P. M. and Proxy

- No. 444.** Nitetis, Creemore.
W. Bro. W. E. Lawrence, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. J. A. Bell, P. M.
- No. 447.** Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.
Bro. A. D. McInnes, S. W.
- No. 449.** Dundalk, Dundalk.
W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong, W. M.
- No. 451.** Somerville, Kinmount.
W. Bro. D. H. Dawkins, W. M.
- No. 452.** Avonmore, Avonmore.
W. Bro. A. H. McMillan, W. M.
- No. 453.** Royal, Fort William.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Perry, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 454.** Corona, Burk's Falls.
W. Bro. J. W. Harris, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 455.** Doric, Little Current.
W. Bros. Jos. Ellenton, P. M. and Proxy ; J. B. Wallace. P. M.
- No. 456.** Elma, Monkton.
W. Bro. O. Duffield, W. M. ; Bro. J. R. Struthers, S. W.
- No. 458.** Wales, Wales.
W. Bro. J. D. Colquhoun, W. M. ; W. Bro. (Rev.) C. O. Carson, P. M.
- No. 459.** Cobden, Cobden.
W. Bro. A. W. Moir, W. M.
- No. 460.** Rideau, Seeley's Bay.
W. Bro. C. C. Gilbert, W. M.
- No. 462.** Temiscaming, New Liskeard.
W. Bro. C. B. Taylor, W. M. ; W. Bros. F. W. Haynes and J. H. O'Brien, P. M.'s.
- No. 464.** King Edward, Sunderland.
W. Bro. R. A. Purvis, W. M.
- No. 466.** Coronation, Elmvale.
W. Bro. W. J. MacGuire, W. M. ; W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, P. M.
- No. 467.** Tottenham, Tottenham.
W. Bro. A. P. Potter, W. M.
- No. 469.** Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. M. and proxy.
- No. 470.** Victoria, Victoria Harbor.
W. Bro. I. S. Wardell, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 471.** King Edward VII. Chippewa.
W. Bro. H. McKenzie, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. R. Beamish, W. M.
- No. 473.** The Beaches, East Toronto.
W. Bro. E. F. Walker, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 474.** **Victoria, West Toronto.**
W. Bro. W. Wilby, P. M.
- No. 475.** **Dundurn, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. John Hooper, P. M.
- No. 476.** **Corinthian, North Gower.**
W. Bro. J. H. Cryderman, W. M.
- No. 479.** **Russell, Russell.**
V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 480.** **Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg.**
W. Bro. W. C. Whittaker, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 481.** **Corinthian, Toronto.**
W. Bro. John Stephens, W. M. ; W. Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, P. M.
- No. 482.** **Bancroft, Bancroft.**
W. Bro. John Ballard, W. M.
- No 484.** **Golden Star, Dryden.**
W. Bro. W. A. Quibell, W. M.
- No. 485** **Haileybury, Haileybury.**
W. Bro. N. J. McAuley, W. M. ; Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, S. W.
- No. 486.** **Silver, Cobalt.**
Bro. R. D. McLaren, S. W.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from M. W. Bros. Hon. J. M. Gibson and Benjamin Allen, and from R. W. Bros. J. A. Macfadden, A. F. Webster and F. J. Skinner.

The Grand Secretary read invitations from The Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls, The Canadian Niagara Power Company, and The Electrical Development Company of Ontario, to the members of Grand Lodge to visit their respective plants during the stay of Grand Lodge at Niagara Falls ; also from The Frontier Amusement Company, extending the privileges of Frontier Park to the members for Wednesday evening, and was directed to make suitable replies, accepting with thanks the several kind invitations.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone and

Resolved, That the minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-second Annual Communication, held in the City of Ottawa on the 17th and 18th days of July, A. D. 1907, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read and they be now confirmed.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled :

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

The year which has elapsed since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge has been one of continued prosperity. There has been a gratifying increase in our membership; and the income of Grand Lodge has been greater than in any former year. But, above all, we have reason to be grateful for the peace that has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction and the harmony that has reigned in our Councils.

On the 31st of May, 1907, there were on our rolls 39,795 Masons in good standing. During the twelve months about 2,700 were initiated and 600 affiliated—a gross gain of 3,300. Losses by death were about 200, by suspension 215, and by resignation 258, or 673 in all. So that our total membership at the end of our year was about 42,422. These figures are not final, as some of the returns have not yet reached the Grand Secretary.

During the twelve months the revenue on general account amounted to \$38,754.80. The general receipts show an increase of \$1,089.70 over the receipts for 1907; the interest on investments of \$262.27; and the interest on bank balances of \$136.47. The Grand Lodge is most fortunate in having a Grand Treasurer who is in a position to know where favorable investments for money are to be had, whose experience and judgment qualify him to choose the safest and the best, and whose watchfulness over the interests of our treasury knows no intermission. The expenditures on general account have been \$15,412.62, as compared with \$14,201.72 in the preceding year; and the benevolent grants amounted to \$21,956.30, an increase of \$1,806.30.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Our losses by death have been many and grievous to be borne. Two, in particular, call for more than passing remark.

Most Worshipful Brother Hugh Murray died from apoplexy on the 28th of November, 1907. He was stricken down while in his office, was conveyed to his home, and passed away two days later. After filling many offices in all branches of Masonry he was elected to the office of Grand Master in 1884, and served for two years. For four years he had been Grand Secretary. Bro. Murray was a man of whom it may be said that duty was the guiding star of his life. That which he thought he ought to do he did with his might. That which he thought he ought not to do he could not be persuaded nor forced to do. His life was a service of activity and love. His record is a record of work well done. His reward is the loving memory of all who knew him. May we not be confident that it is the benediction of his Father who is in Heaven ?

Most Worshipful Brother William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died at Rochester, N.Y., on the 11th of March, 1908. Those who have attended the communications of this Grand Lodge for the past eight years have felt the influences of Bro. Sutherland's genius, have admired his brilliant eloquence, have been helped by his wise counsel, and have been inspired by his earnest, kindly and warm greeting. Of him Most Worshipful Bro. Townsend Scudder said: "The manhood that was in him recognized both the duty and the opportunity, and lifted service into the light and reality of Divine example and companionship."

Mrs. Wilson, the widow of Judge William Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died on the 24th of September last, at the home of her granddaughter, in Montreal.

Other deaths in this jurisdiction have been the following :

John Menish, P. D. D. G. M., Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville.

John Waring, P. G. S., Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton.

Richard Dinnis, P. D. D. G. M., Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto.

J. E. Halliwell, P. D. D. G. M., Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling.

Geo. W. Holwell, P. D. D. G. M., Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford.

N. W. Cleary, P. D. D. G. M., Renfrew Lodge, No. 112, Renfrew.

Rev. Robt. Campbell, P. G. Chaplain, Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.

Wm. White, P. D. D. G. M., Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell.

Edward Burns, P. D. D. G. M., Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora.

D. E. Munroe, P. D. D. G. M., Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow.

George Gale, P. D. D. G. M., Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville.

F. F. Manley, P. D. D. G. M., Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

Allen McLean, P. G. S. W., Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston.

John McDonald, P. D. D. G. M., Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus.

Geo. S. Johnson, D. D. G. M., Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro'.

H. A. Collins, P. D. D. G. M., Georgina Lodge, No. 343, and Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.

Deaths in other jurisdictions have been reported to me as follows:

British Columbia—Eli Harrison, Senior, Past Grand Master.

Connecticut—Asa Smith, Past Grand Master; Dwight Vaughn, Past Grand Master.

Florida—Robert Jasper Perry, Past Grand Master.

Indiana—Christian Fetta, Past Grand Master.

Michigan—W. Irving Babcock, Past Grand Master.

Matthew H. Maynard, Past Grand Master.

Missouri—William R. Stubblefield, Past Grand Master.

New York—John Stewart, Past Grand Master.

North Dakota—John F. Selby, Past Grand Master;
Robert M. Carothers, Past Grand Master.

Sweden—His Majesty, Oscar, King of Sweden,
Grand Master.

Tennessee—William S. Smith, Past Grand Master.

Virginia—Robert Enoch Withers, Past Grand
Master.

West Virginia—Eli Marsh Turner, Past Grand
Master.

RULINGS.

During the year I have made the following rulings:

1. Notice of motion to amend a by-law having been regularly given, and the motion to amend being made and seconded, a motion in amendment to the amendment is in order.

2. Q. Can a lodge, after suspending a member for non-payment of dues, lay a charge against him for a more serious offence; and, if found guilty on the vote of the lodge, expel him?

Ans. The lodge may, after suspending him for non-payment of dues, try him on another charge. The lodge cannot expel him; but, if he be found guilty, it may suspend him indefinitely, report the facts to the Grand Lodge, and recommend his expulsion.

Q. Is a lodge (under Section 219 of the Constitution), after suspending a member for non-payment of dues, bound to reinstate him in the event of him tendering his arrears and all other amounts owing the lodge, irrespective of his conduct in the meantime? Has the lodge no voice in the matter whatever?

Ans. If a member suspended for non-payment of dues tenders the amount of arrears and all other amounts owing to the lodge, he must be restored. But charges may be preferred against him for any other offence of which he may have been guilty, either before his suspension or during his suspension, when he may be tried just as if he had never been suspended.

3. When an adverse report is made against a candidate, must the report be received by the lodge before the applicant is declared a rejected candidate? Yes.

4. A Past Master from another jurisdiction affiliated with a lodge in this jurisdiction, and was elected Mas-

ter, he not having served as warden in this jurisdiction. Is the election legal? No : the election is void, and the brother must not be installed.

5. Has a lodge the power to pass a motion disqualifying from holding office those who solicit votes or resort to electioneering methods? No: no Mason can be deprived of any of his Masonic rights or privileges except after charges have been regularly made and the brother has been duly convicted of a Masonic offence.

6. Is it proper to give a Masonic funeral to a deceased brother who at the time of his death was under suspension? No: suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

7. The auditors of a lodge made their report, which was adopted by the lodge without dissent. At the next meeting the minutes were read, and (opportunity for objection being given) the Worshipful Master declared them correct. Then a brother arose and moved that the paragraph in the minutes relating to the adoption of the auditors' report be stricken out, and that a new audit of the books be made. The W. M. ruled the motion out of order. Was his ruling correct? Yes.

8. The secretary of a lodge sent out a notice of meeting in regular form and proper time, without the names of candidates to be balloted for. Three days before the meeting of the lodge he sent out a separate notice containing the candidates' names. Ruled that the ballot was void. A new ballot must be taken after regular and proper notice.

9. When a ballot was ordered to be taken (about 30 members being present) there were in the box fifty white balls and three black balls. Objection was taken. Ruled that there must be at least one white ball and one black ball for each member entitled to vote.

10. A lodge passed a resolution affecting delinquent members. The Worshipful Master suspended action on the resolution and instructed the Secretary accordingly. Q. Has the Master, under the Constitution, or any other Masonic law, power to suspend the will of the lodge in the manner stated? Ans. No. The Master has no powers but those conferred upon him by the Constitution and By-Laws of his lodge. He is the chief executive officer of the lodge, and must carry out the

wishes of its members when legally and formally expressed.

DORIC LODGE, NO. 316, VS. W. BRO. I. B. JOHNSON.

In March last a charge was preferred by the Junior Warden of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, against W. Bro. I. B. Johnson, of having freely, openly and wilfully stated that "at the regular meeting of Doric Lodge, held on the 21st day of February, 1907, W. Bro. Carr Simpson, as W. M., and Bros. W. F. Bilger and W. S. Kerman as Wardens, did falsely declare a ballot favorable to the application of one W. G. Kyle, when, as he alleges, the aforesaid ballot was unfavorable to the applicant, which act of the said Bro. Johnson was in violation of his duties and obligations as a Mason, and to the injury of the said W. Bro. Carr Simpson and Bros. Bilger and Kerwan as officers and members of the lodge, as well as a reproach to their character and reputation as men of business, and also to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic fraternity; wherefore it is demanded that the said Bro. Johnson be put on trial therefor and dealt with according to Masonic law and usages." It was represented to me that the ruling Master, the Immediate Past Master and the Senior Warden were affected by the statements of W. Bro. Johnson, and might be influenced by their personal feelings if the charge were tried before the lodge. I therefore withdrew the case from the lodge and referred it to a commission composed of R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt (Chairman), R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson and R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan. The commissioners heard the evidence in the case and found W. Bro. Johnson guilty of the charge preferred against him, and I directed that he be suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges until the meeting of this Grand Lodge, the suspension then to be continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

BALLOTING FOR CANDIDATES.

Several cases have been reported to me of irregularities in balloting for candidates. It appears that in some lodges, while sufficient white balls are provided for all members present, there are but two or three black balls. This makes it easy for an interested and unscrupulous Deacon to abstract one or more of the black balls and thus to insure a favorable result. It may also destroy the secrecy of the ballot. I have ruled that there should be

at least as many white balls and as many black balls in the box as there are members present. I am of opinion that this should be made a constitutional provision. It is to be desired that brethren exercise more frequently their privilege of examining the ballot after it has been placed upon the altar. If that were done fewer mistakes would be made in declaring the result of the ballot.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

A number of requests have reached me for rulings as to physical defects of proposed candidates. These I have declined to give. The Grand Master cannot properly judge of the nature or extent of a defect from a written description; and in some cases it would not be expedient to give written reasons for a ruling. Section 181 of the Constitution is very plain; and every Master of a lodge is able to determine from a careful reading of that section the extent of a defect which ought to disqualify a man from becoming a Mason. If a candidate can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, a minor physical defect does not cause his rejection. If he cannot comply with all those ceremonies he must be rejected.

GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND AUDITOR.

By the lamented death of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray the office of Grand Secretary became vacant. After careful consideration, I appointed R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn to the office until the meeting of Grand Lodge. At my request R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, invested R. W. Bro. Gunn with the insignia of his office at the regular meeting of the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, on December 20th, 1907.

This appointment made it necessary for Bro. Gunn to retire from the office of Auditor; and I appointed W. Bro. Harry B. Vigeon Auditor in his place. Both brethren have performed their duties to my entire satisfaction.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. Gunn also retired from the position of Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, and I appointed M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding to that important and onerous position.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The representation of the Grand Lodge of New York near this Grand Lodge having become vacant by the death of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, the office was tendered me by M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master of Masons in New York, through the kind offices of M. W. Bros. Malone and Sutherland.

Other appointments of Grand Representatives have been made on my recommendation, as follows :

Grand Lodge of Alabama, R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner. Gananoque.

Grand Lodge of Belgium, R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, Woodstock.

Upon the nomination of their Grand Masters, the following commissions have been issued to brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges :

Grand Lodge of Georgia, W. Bro. R. A. Henderson, Atlanta.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin, Danbury.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota, W. Bro. Wm. E. Milligan, Aberdeen.

Grand Lodge of Tennessee, R. W. Bro. Samuel Slager, Memphis.

Grand Lodge of Texas, W. Bro. Elmer Renfro, Fort Worth.

WARRANTS.

The following warrants have been granted since the last Annual Communication :

Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton.

Russell Lodge, No. 470, Russell.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, N. Williamsburg.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been continued from the previous year, viz. :

Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft.

Granton Lodge, Granton.

The following dispensations for new lodges have been granted since the last Annual Communication, viz. :

Golden Star Lodge, Dryden.

Haileybury Lodge, Haileybury.

Silver Lodge, Cobalt.
 Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River.
 King Edward Lodge, Harrow.
 St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden.
 Osiris Lodge, Smith's Falls.
 Acacia Lodge, Markdale.

The following petitions for new lodges have been refused, viz. :

Dromore and Inwood.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz. :

Milverton, No. 478, Milverton, by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, D. G. M.

Russell, No. 479, Russell, by R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, D. D. G. M.

Corinthian, No. 481, Toronto, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Williamsburg, No. 480, N. Williamsburg, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodge rooms have been dedicated during the year, viz. :

Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay, by the M.W. Grand Master.

Gore Bay, No. 472, Gore Bay, by R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, D. D. G. M.

Hiram, No. 319, Hagersville, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Florence, No. 390, Florence, by the R. W., D. G. M., D. F. Macwatt.

Hope, No. 114, Port Hone, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Nipissing, No. 420, North Bay, by R. W. Bro. Haentschel, D. D. G. M.

St. John's, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Wales, No. 458, Wales, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Farran's Point, No. 256, Aultsville, by the M.W. Grand Master.

Alexandria, No. 439, Alexandria, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Avonmore, No. 452, Avonmore, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Plantagenet, No. 186, Plantagenet, by R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, G. S. W.

CORNER STONES.

The following corner stones have been laid with Masonic ceremonies, viz. :

The new Methodist Church, Elmvale, by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P. G., M.

Church of Ascension, Windsor, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Durham English Church, Durham, by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, D. D. G. M.

Leslie Memorial Hall, Kemptville, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Meaford Methodist Church, Meaford, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Trinity Church, Merrickville, by R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, D. D. G. M.

CORE BAY LODGE, NO. 472.

The Master of the lodge had removed to a distance. The lodge was ruled by the Senior Warden, and a Past Master was available for degree work. This Past Master (a physician) was called to a serious case on the evening of the lodge meeting. Two accepted candidates had come from a distance for initiation. The Past Master desired the Senior Warden to proceed with the degree as far as the obligation. He expected to return by 9 o'clock and finish the work. He was detained, and the S. W. completed the degree. One of the candidates soon afterwards moved to the west. I issued an edict validating the initiation. Under ordinary circumstances the conduct of the Past Master and the S. W. would have demanded suspension and punishment; but the situation was unusual. The lodge is weak; the Past Master is giving his time and energy to assist it; the Senior Warden had not studied the law; severe measures would seriously injure (perhaps destroy) the lodge. I therefore desired the D. D. G. M. to administer such admonition as he considered the case to demand, and did not proceed further in the matter.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. KING EDWARD LODGE, NO. 464.

In his address at our last regular communication M. W.

Bro. Burritt expressed a hope that the controversy over the acceptance by King Edward Lodge of a candidate who had resided for twelve months in British Columbia had been settled. This hope is now made a certainty. In August last I received a letter from the M. W. Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia stating that the understanding reached by his predecessor and M. W. Bro. Burritt was quite satisfactory.

ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, NO. 293, JERUSALEM.

Soon after the last communication of this Grand Lodge the warrant issued to the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, was returned to the Grand Secretary, and the affairs of that body may now be considered a closed chapter in our history.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

At the close of the last financial year, on the 31st of May, 1907, the contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund, with accumulated interest, amounted to \$34,948.75. During the twelve months ending on the 31st of May, 1908, the payments into the fund amounted to \$10,931.63.

By resolution of Grand Lodge the interest on the fund for the year was appropriated to increase the benevolent grants.

The total amount standing at the credit of the Fund, which had been invested or was still in the bank, amounted to \$44,154.29.

I regret that the lodges are not more active in contributing the sums which their representatives in Grand Lodge pledged them to pay, because the revenue from this source is needed for our work of benevolence.

We are, however, warranted in hoping that the full amount of \$100,000 will in the near future be made good.

CONESTOGO LODGE, NO. 295, DRAYTON.

In April, 1907, Bro. James E. Carpenter, a Master Mason, was elected Senior Warden of Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton. He had not previously served as Warden in any lodge. In December of the same year he was elected Master of Conestogo Lodge and installed. The facts having been reported to me, I declared the election void, directed that Bro. Carpenter should at once retire from the Master's chair, and ordered that a new election be held at the earliest possible day. As I was credibly informed that all the par-

ties to the irregularity had acted in ignorance of the law, and that the Installing Master had removed from the jurisdiction, I did not deem it my duty to impose any penalty; but desired the D. D. G. M. to visit the lodge and admonish its officers to acquaint themselves more fully with the provisions of the Constitution governing elections and prescribing the qualifications of lodge officers.

THE SAN FRANCISCO SUFFERERS.

In 1906, M. W. Bro. Burritt announced the sending of a gift of \$1,000 to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, to assist in relieving distress caused by the earthquake at San Francisco. It is gratifying to know that the benevolence of Masons in every part of the world was more than sufficient for the needs of our brethren in California. On the 21st of September last I received, through M. W. Bro. Burritt, a letter from M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart, Grand Master of Masons in California, enclosing \$200, the portion of our contribution which remained unused; and also a portion of the contribution made by Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.

USING MASONRY FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

In 1907 incorporation was sought in the Dominion Parliament for an association to be called the Masonic Protective Association. M. W. Bro. Burritt took active measures to have the word "Masonic" eliminated from the bill; but he succeeded only so far as to have it stricken from the title. This company is now doing business in Ontario, with the letters "A. F. & A. M." and the words "for Masons only" conspicuously printed on its literature. Considering this a most serious attempt to exploit Masonry for private gain, I wrote to the President of the Association, and had several conversations with one of its officers. In both cases I asked that the Association cease to use our name or our emblems for the purpose of procuring trade; but so far nothing has been done, and no distinct promise has been made.

In April the Toronto papers recorded the formation in the city named of an association called "the Universal Craftsmens Council of Engineers," of which it was said that "none but Freemasons in good standing are

eligible for membership.' I cannot learn whether this society is for purposes of gain or is a merely social organization.

In both these cases the offending persons are acting within their legal rights; but they are violating the express law and the traditions of Masonry. They are doing that which is repugnant to the spirit of Masonry, and are endeavoring to exploit our institution for their private ends. This mercenary attempt should be reprobated by all members of the Craft. If an insurance society may be established "for Masons only," without protest on our part, then the doors will be thrown open to every man who desires to use his Masonic connection for his personal benefit. It is well that members of our order should be warned against the mercenary attempts of these adventurers.

CHAIN LETTERS.

No less than three copies of "chain letters" have been forwarded to me within the past few months. These have asked the brethren to whom they were sent to forward a small sum of money to a given address in the United States, for a purpose apparently worthy, and to mail a copy of the letter to some other Mason in this jurisdiction. This practice should not be encouraged. Our brethren in the United States are abundantly able and more than willing to provide means for any worthy charity or any patriotic object, and those who send these chain letters to us rest under the suspicion of fraud. In one case the name of a Past Grand Master was used; and it was unfortunate for the sender of the letter that he was unaware that the Most Worshipful Brother had been dead for more than a year, and also that he was unable to spell his name correctly. Our brethren would do well to throw all chain letters into the fire.

It is not proper that I should close without expressing grateful thanks to Past Grand Masters and to the Deputy Grand Master for advice and assistance during the year. When I have been in doubt, or when I have needed information, I have not hesitated to seek counsel and knowledge; and in no instance have I sought in vain.

For the prosperity with which the Craft has been

blessed ; for the harmony which has rested upon it ; for the good it has been able to accomplish, let us lift our hearts in gratitude to the Great Giver of all Good. And, as His blessing has attended us hitherto, let us pray that it may abide with us. We are permitted to look back over the road by which we have come with gratitude. We are permitted to look forward with expectancy, to hope for further blessings, to thank God and take courage.

A. T. FREED,

Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. Ross Robertson and J. H. Burritt.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements and Investment Account of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1908.

GENERAL FUND.

The balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1907, was.....	\$5,773 80	
Less outstanding cheques.....	435 00	
		<u>\$5,338 80</u>

RECEIPTS FROM GRAND SECRETARY.

Revenue from Lodges, etc.....	\$33,838 73	
Interest on Bank balance.....	306 97	
“ on Investments.....	4,810 10	
Debentures matured and paid.....	15,342 85	
		<u>\$54,297 65</u>
		<u>\$59,636 45</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

General charges.....	\$15,412 62
Benevolent orders.....	21,956 30

INVESTMENTS.

Kincardine, Hamilton, Toronto, Port Arthur and Berlin Debentures.....	15,560 20
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Balance as per Statement of Assets :

Cash in Bank 31st May, 1908	\$7,044 20
Less cheques outstanding	336 87
	<u>\$6,707 33</u>
	<u>\$59,636 45</u>

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS.

1907		
June	3—Grand Secretary's salary to June 30th, 1907	\$ 500 00
	3—Grand Treasurers's salary to June 30th, 1907	50 00
	3—R. L. Gunn, Auditor.....	75 00
	3—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to June 30th, 1907.....	115 00
	21—Bell Telephone, account to December 1st, 1907.....	28 50
July	9—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June, 1907.....	66 00
	9—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June, 1907.....	50 00
	9—Stenographer's salary to 30th June, 1907...	44 00
	9—Hart & Lyne, Customs duty on Grand Lodge regalia	268 38
	18—Expenses of Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa	1500 00
	18—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250 00
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July, 1907.....	67 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July, 1907.....	57 40
	26—Stenographer's salary to 31st July, 1907....	43 00
Aug.	2—Eastern Canadian Passenger Association Railway Circulars.....	8 00
	2—Spectator Printing Co., balance of account to 8th July, 1907.....	632 19
	2—Robert Duncan Co., in full account to 8th July, 1907.....	53 45
	2—A. C. Turnbull & Co., account to 1st July, 1907.....	21 93
	2—G. H. Lannigan, returns	9 00
	2—A. M. Cunningham, in full account, P. G. Master's photos	223 00
	2—Grand Secretary, balance expenses Grand Lodge	214 35
	2—General Masonic Relief Association, annual subscription.....	188 14
	2—Atlas Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge regalia	12 03
	13—Alliance Assurance Co, premium on Grand Lodge regalia.....	7 05
	13—New York Underwriters Agency, premium Grand Lodge regalia.....	26 00
	16—R. L. Gunn, Chairman Committee on Benevolence, expenses, stamps, etc	15 00
	16—R. L. Gunn expenses to Toronto, re audit...	5 35
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August, 1907.....	66 66

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Sept.	2—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st August, 1907.....	66 66
	2—Stenographer's salary to 31st August, 1907..	43 33
	2—Grand Secretary, account incidentals	250 00
	2—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st August, 1907	500 00
	2—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st August, 1907	50 00
	2—R. L. Gunn, Auditor, to 31st August, 1907..	75 00
	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association. rent to 31st August, 1907.....	115 00
	2—The Reid Press Co., for special printing....	506 00
	10—Trunk for regalia.....	10 00
	10—J. B. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence.....	200 00
	10—Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of box in vault to 20th September, 1907.....	25 00
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September, 1907	66 66
	24—Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th September, 1907.....	66 66
	24—Stenographer's salary to 30th September, 1907	43 33
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September, 1907.....	61 18
Oct.	1—Paid Spencer & Co's draft, £249 17s. 2d., Grand Lodge regalia.....	1217 36
	1—Hart & Lyne, duty on same balance	3 56
	1—J. R. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence	200 00
	2—Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond	12 50
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1907.....	66 66
	24—Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st October, 1907.	66 66
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1907.....	50 00
	24—Stenographer's salary to 31st October, 1907.	43 33
	28—Grand Master, account travelling expenses..	200 00
	28—Hand & Co., account for tubes.....	13 00
Nov.	11—J. B. Nixon, balance account on Benevolent Investigation.....	100 00
	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary office, salary to 30th November, 1907.....	66 66
	25—Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th November, 1907.....	66 66
	25—Stenographer's salary to 30th November, 1907.	43 33
	25—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November, 1907.....	50 00
Dec.	2—Bell Telephone account to December 1, 1907.	28 50
	2—Floral tribute, late Grand Secretary.....	40 00
	2—Green Bros., funeral expenses late Grand Secretary	30 00
	2—Hamilton Leather Goods Co. account, trunk for Grand Lodge sword	9 00

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Dec.	2—Late Grand Secretary (Hugh Murray) estate	500 00
	18—Grand Secretary, R. L. Gunn, salary to 31st December, 1907.....	166 66
	18—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December, 1907.....	50 00
	18—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st December, 1907.....	66 67
	18—Stenographer's salary to 31st December, 1907	43 34
	18—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December, 1907..	50 00
	18—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December, 1907.....	66 67
	18—R. L. Gunn, auditor, to 30th November, 1907	50 00
	18—Grand Secretary, account incidentals.....	300 00
	18—G. H. Lannigan, binding Grand Lodge Returns	25 00

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Jan.	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th December, 1907....	115 00
	2—Eastern Canadian Passenger Association....	5 00
	7—J. C. White, account, repairing old Grand Lodge regalia	12 96
	18—Balance premium Grand Secretary's, R. L. Gunn, bond after allowing rebate.....	4 25
	18—R. L. Gunn, auditor, expenses to Toronto to close audit.....	4 70
	18—Chairman of Benevolent Committee, postage	5 00
	31—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January, 1908	66 67
	31—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, 31st January, 1908	66 67
	31—Stenographer's salary to 31st January, 1908.	43 34
	31—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January, 1908	50 00
Feb.	18—Grand Master, account traveling expenses..	200 00
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February, 1908.....	66 66
	24—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 28th February, 1908.....	66 66
	24—Stenographer's salary, to 28th February, 1908	43 33
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February, 1908.....	50 00
Mar.	2—P. W. Ellis & Co., testimonial to Grand Master Burritt.....	297 10
Mar.	2—Copp Clark & Co., 2,000 Parchment Certificates	700 00
	2—Howell & Co., two cheque books.....	36 00
	2—Thos. Lees, account repairing Grand Lodge vessels.....	11 75
	2—James Cheyne boxes and repairs	8 49
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st March, 1908.....	66 66

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Mar	24—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st March, 1908.....	66 66
	24—Stenographer's salary to 31st March, 1908...	43 33
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to March 31st, 1908.....	50 00
	24—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March, 1908	500 00
	24—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st March, 1908	50 00
	24—Auditor's salary to 31st March, 1908.....	75 00
	24—Salter Bros., Rochester, wreath P G. M. Sutherland.....	45 25
	24—Robert Duncan Co., stationery.....	55 75
	24—A. C. Turnbull, Stationery.....	13 48
	24—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1908	115 00
	24—E. Shaw, account engrossing address to J. H. Burritt	15 00
April	2—Spectator Printing Co, account to 11th January, 1908	1,585 77
	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1908.....	66 66
	25—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th April, 1908.....	66 66
	25—Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1908...	43 33
	25—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1908.....	50 00
May	11—Grand Secretary, account incidentals.....	90 00
	13—R. W. Kenning, M.D., expenses incurred in visiting Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, at Grand Master's request.....	15 00
	14—C. W. Haentschel, M.D., special communication, North Bay.....	9 80
	14—E. E. Kilmer, expenses visiting Nilestown Lodge.....	3 00
	14—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to May 31st, 1908.....	66 67
	14—Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to May 31st, 1908.....	66 67
	14—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1908.....	50 00
	14—Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1908....	43 34
	31—Grand Secretary's balance incidental expenses.....	7 20
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		\$15,412 62
	31—Benevolent Orders.....	21,956 30
	31—Debenture Investments during the year.....	15,560 20
	31—Balance cash in Bank less outstanding cheques	6,707 33
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		<u>\$59,636 45</u>

The attached Statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1908, and the sums

invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault where the debentures are deposited.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1908.

Securities.	Rate of Interest.		Cost Value.	Face Value.
	Bear- ing %	Yield- ing %		
DEBENTURES.				
Can. Savings & Loan Co.	4½	4½	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 5,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co.....	4	4	15,000 00	15,000 00
Ham Provident & Loan Co.	4½	4½	15,000 00	15,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co	4½	4½	10,000 00	10,000 00
Ont. Loan & Debenture Co.	4½	4½	5,000 00	5,000 00
Berlin, City of.....	5	5	5,523 08	5,523 08
Brantford, City of.....	4	3½	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	3½	3,131 45	3,000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4½	4,199 81	4,473 59
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4½	4,457 02	4,681 75
Hamilton, City of.....	4	4½	2,777 70	3,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4½	509 80	500 00
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4½	1,009 31	1,000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4½	12,026 07	12,148 50
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of.....	3½	5	5,394 09	5,626 47
Woodstock, Town of.....	6	3 60	8,341 90	7,000 00
			\$110,027 97	\$109,820 05

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st

May, 1908. \$7,044 20

Less cheques outstanding 336 87

6 707 33\$116,527 38

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Examined and certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON,

Chartered Accountant.

June 20, 1908.

1907-1908

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

June 1907.			
8 Bro. G. R. T.	\$25 00	1 Wid. J. T.	10 00
8 Wid. W. M. W.	75 00	1 Wid. J. W.	10 00
8 Dau. W. M. W.	75 00	1 Wid. W. J. A.	20 00
8 Dau. T. B. H.	18 75	1 Bro. W. McC.	25 00
8 Wid. T. D. H.	75 00	1 Wid. J. W.	20 00
August 1907.		1 Wid. W. P.	15 00
1 Wid. J. V.	20 00	1 Wid. T. E.	15 00
1 Wid. G. S. M.	20 00	1 Wid. A. F.	50 00
1 Wid. W. C. S.	30 00	1 Wid. J. H.	10 00
1 Wid. A. S.	15 00	1 Wid. H. L. K.	20 00
1 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00	1 Wid. W. T.	20 00
1 Gr. dau. S. M. P. ..	20 00	1 Wid. J. W.	15 00
1 Wid. S. R.	40 00	1 Wid. T. H.	20 00
1 Wid. W. J. W.	25 00	1 Wid. T. C. McL. ..	20 00
1 Wid. G. R. B.	25 00	1 Wid. J. W. K.	20 00
1 Bro. W. G.	50 00	1 Wid. T. G. S.	15 00
1 Wid. J. J.	30 00	1 Wid. W. F. S.	20 00
1 Sis. J. McP.	15 00	1 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00
1 Wid. S. M.	20 00	1 Wid. G. C.	20 00
1 Wid. G. P.	35 00	1 Wid. A. J.	20 00
1 Wid. R. A. K.	25 00	1 Wid. R. L.	15 00
1 Wid. T. H. W.	25 00	1 Moth. C. M.	15 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00	1 Wid. W. J. S.	20 00
1 Wid. R. G.	25 00	1 Wid. L. G. J.	10 00
1 Sis. T. H. B.	15 00	1 Wid. J. LeC.	10 00
1 Wid. A. S. D.	20 00	1 Wid. W. P.	15 00
1 Wid. E. H.	20 00	1 Wid. J. W.	15 00
1 Wid. J. F. H.	15 00	1 Wid. J. L. Y.	10 00
1 Wid. J. K.	25 00	1 Wid. T. B.	15 00
1 Wid. R. M. K.	20 00	1 Wid. J. C. M.	50 00
1 Wid. T. E. McD. ..	20 00	1 Wid. W. A. W.	20 00
1 Wid. A. M.	15 00	1 Wid. T. D.	50 00
1 Bro. W. C.	25 00	1 Wid. J. E.	20 00
1 Wid. J. W. F.	25 00	1 Wid. P. G.	20 00
1 Bro. S. M.	25 00	1 Wid. J. L. H.	20 00
1 Wid. R. B. M.	15 00	1 Wid. F. McC.	30 00
1 Bro. J. B. S.	50 00	1 Wid. W. B.	20 00
1 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00	1 Wid. W. G.	20 00
1 Wid. G. S.	15 00	1 Wid. W. H. S.	10 00
1 Wid. R. W.	15 00	1 Dau. W. K.	10 00
1 Bro. E. H. B.	75 00	1 Wid. J. W. McD. ..	20 00
1 Bro. J. D.	30 00	1 Wid. J. M.	25 00
1 Bro. W. H.	25 00	1 Wid. W. G. S. R. ..	10 00
1 Wid. J. M.	25 00	1 Wid. J. B.	25 00
		1 Wid. W. F.	25 00

1 Wid. W. L.	10 00	1 Moth. J. O.	15 00
1 Wid. A. H.	15 00	1 Bro. G. C.	50 00
1 Wid. H. H.	20 00	1 Wife F. D.	40 00
1 Wid. W. M. H.	40 00	1 Wid. A. G.	15 00
1 Wid. F. G. B.	20 00	1 Wid. R. L.	15 00
1 Wid. T. J. B.	20 00	1 Wid. H. J. C.	10 00
1 Wife S. M. D.	20 00	1 Wid. J. W. H.	20 00
1 Wid. A. L.	25 00	1 Wid. H. St. V. J.	15 00
1 Son J. L.	25 00	1 Wid. G. M. McL ..	40 00
1 Wid. J. McK	15 00	1 Wid. C. W. W.	15 00
1 Wife J. S.	75 00	1 Wid. R. C.	30 00
1 Wid. C. W. M.	20 00	1 Wid. F. W. S.	40 00
1 Wid. G. T. M.	20 00	1 Wid. M. McL	30 00
1 Wid. W. M.	10 00	1 Wid. W. E. H.	40 00
1 Wid. W. J. S.	10 00	1 Bro. D. B. M.	75 00
1 Wid. W. B.	20 00	1 Wid. W. C.	15 00
1 Bro. R. H. G.	50 00	1 Wid. S. B.	15 00
1 Dau in-law G. W. R.	50 00	1 Wid T. T. V.	20 00
1 Wid. H. C.	20 00	1 Bro. M. T. R.	75 00
1 Sis W. C.	50 00	1 Dau. W. W.	30 00
1 Wid. C. D. McD ..	25 00	1 Wid. F. M. B.	40 00
1 Wid. G. H. N.	20 00	1 Wid. H. H.	30 00
1 Wid. W. M.	30 00	1 Wid J. M.	25 00
1 Wid. F. C.	10 00	1 Wid. J. S.	25 00
1 Bro. H. O. H.	75 00	1 Wid. A. C.	20 00
1 Bro. E. G.	75 00	1 Wid. J. A.	20 00
1 Wid. E. B.	20 00	1 Dau. J. C.	50 00
1 Wid. R. C.	20 00	1 Wid. M. C. B.	50 00
1 Wid. W. H. S.	20 00	1 Bro. J. F.	50 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00	1 Wid. J. B.	30 00
1 Wid. L. Y.	20 00	1 Wid. W. S.	30 00
1 Wid. T. A.	25 00	1 Wid. R. A. D.	40 00
1 Wid. J. L. H.	15 00	1 Wid. G. E. P.	40 00
1 Bro. J. H.	75 00	1 W. M. Lodge 24	
1 Wid. W. J.	25 00	for Bro. J. E. ..	50 00
1 Wid. F. T. B.	20 00	1 Wid. J. S. B.	25 00
1 Bro. A. S. B.	75 00	1 Wid. S. S. R.	25 00
1 Bro. T. G.	75 00	1 Wid. W. B. W.	25 00
1 Wid. R. D. M.	20 00	1 Wid. L. R.	30 00
1 Wid. G. T. P.	20 00	1 Bro. B. B.	75 00
1 Wid. D. H. W.	20 00	1 Wid. T. H. S.	30 00
1 Wid. J. M.	10 00	1 Bro. A. C.	50 00
1 Wid. A. R. P.	30 00	1 Wid. F. H.	10 00
1 Wid. J. T. G.	25 00	1 Wid. A. de P	30 00
1 Wid. R. H. D.	25 00	1 Wid. A. K.	15 00
1 Wid. G. T. F.	40 00	1 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00
1 Wid. R. H.	10 00	1 Bro. H. R.	50 00
1 Wid. J. McK	25 00	1 Wid. E. W.	30 00
1 Wid. T. R.	20 00	1 Wid. W. B. U.	20 00
1 Wid. A. W.	25 00	1 Wid. C. A. A.	20 00
1 Wid. S. R.	15 00	1 Wid. E. K.	15 00
1 Wid. J. R. L. S.	15 00	1 Bro. F. M.	75 00
1 Wife A. B.	50 00	1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
1 Wid. G. H. B.	30 00	1 Wid. D. L. C.	15 00

1 Wid. B. E.	25 00	1 Bro. J. P.	75 00
1 Wid. A. C.	40 00	1 Bro. J. C.	40 00
1 Bro. W. A. D.	75 00	1 Wid. S. L.	50 00
1 Wid. H. A. E.	30 00	1 Bro. R. A.	30 00
1 Wid. W. J. S.	25 00	1 Wid. W. E. J.	30 00
1 Wid. W. J. C.	25 00	1 Wid. J. A.	50 00
1 Bro. W. E.	75 00	1 Wid. R. G.	10 00
1 Bro. G. C.	40 00	1 Dau. J. R. S.	50 00
1 Bro. C. McM.	75 00	1 Wid. W. C.	25 00
1 Bro. J. M.	30 00	1 Bro. T. W.	75 00
1 Wid. J. D. R.	30 00	1 Dau. M. V.	15 00
1 Wid. J. B.	20 00	1 Bro. A. B.	50 00
1 Wid. D. R.	40 00	1 Wid. C. A. C.	20 00
1 Wid. C. F. R.	30 00	1 Wid. L. N.	30 00
1 Wid. A. C. C.	15 00	1 Wid. A. S.	50 00
1 Wid. G. G.	20 00	1 W. M. Lodge 170 for	
1 Wid. W. E. K.	20 00	Wid. W. R. S. ..	25 00
1 Wid. M. J. L.	10 00	1 Wid. A. S.	50 00
1 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00	1 Bro. W. Y.	75 00
1 Wid. S. T.	40 00	1 Wid. J. McL.	40 00
1 Bro. G. C.	50 00	1 Wid. J. P.	50 00
1 Wid. J. G. L.	50 00	1 Wid. W. S.	20 00
1 Wid. C. G.	25 00	1 Wid. J. Z.	20 00
1 Wid. T. T. J.	15 00	1 Wid. D. S. L.	30 00
1 Bro. T. B.	75 00	1 Wid. T. B. P.	15 00
1 Wid. J. C.	30 00	1 Bro. R. H. W.	20 00
1 Wid. R. W. L.	15 00	1 Wid. J. A. S.	30 00
1 Wid. J. H.	30 00	1 Wid. E. S.	20 00
1 Wid. T. B.	50 00	1 Wife D. C. A.	75 00
1 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00	1 Wid. D. McN.	20 00
1 Wid. W. A.	20 00	1 Wid. D. L.	50 00
1 Wid. J. W.	50 00	1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
1 Wid. G. R.	30 00	1 Wid. J. W.	20 00
1 Wid. J. S.	20 00	1 Bro. F. McE.	50 00
1 Wid. C. B. B.	20 00	1 Wid. W. A. C.	15 00
1 Wid. D. S.	10 00	1 Wid. W. W. P.	25 00
1 Wid. J. S.	10 00	1 Wid. R. C.	15 00
1 Wid. G. W.	10 00	1 Bro. G. R. T.	50 00
1 Wid. P. R. D.	30 00	1 Wid. G. W. A.	20 00
1 Wid. W. E. S.	15 00	1 Bro. R. V.	50 00
1 Dau. C. B.	10 00	1 Wid. E. D.	30 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00	1 Bro. C. L.	15 00
1 Wid. S. A.	20 00	1 Bro. J. F. S.	40 00
1 Orp. C. M.	30 00	1 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
1 Wid. J. F.	50 00	1 Wid. H. R.	30 00
1 Wid. J. A. McI.	25 00	1 Bro. G. O. D.	50 00
1 Wid. J. A. P.	25 00	1 Wid. J. M.	10 00
1 Wid. J. R.	50 00	1 Wid. F. B.	15 00
1 Wid. N. M. C.	20 00	1 Wid. W. B. S.	30 00
1 Wid. C. M.	50 00	1 Dau. R. A.	30 00
1 Wid. J. A.	50 00	1 Wid. A. A. M.	30 00
1 Wid. H. G. G.	30 00	1 Bro. F. P.	75 00
1 Wid. J. McC.	40 00	1 Bro. J. B.	75 00
1 Bro. G. W. A. P.	75 00	1 Wid. J. S.	30 00

1 Wid. C. C. G.	25 00	18 Miss H. H.	18 75
1 Wid. J. W. W.	40 00	27 Bro. M.	50 00
1 Bro. H. H.	30 00	January 1908.	
1 W. M. Lodge 348 for		2 Bro. D. F. H.	50 00
Bro. G. A. F. C.	40 00	February	
1 Wid. A. A. N.	25 00	1 Mrs. H. S. McG.	40 00
1 Wid. S. R.	40 00	8 Mrs. J. V.	20 00
1 Wid. W. G. S.	30 00	8 Mrs. G. S. M.	20 00
1 Wid. A. E. B.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. C. S.	30 00
1 Wid. F. C.	15 00	8 Mrs. A. S.	15 00
1 Wid. H. J. S.	30 00	8 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00
1 Wid. J. E. E.	15 00	8 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00
1 Orp. C. A. E. W. C. ..	15 00	8 Mrs. S. R.	40 00
1 Wid. R. A. P.	30 00	8 Mrs. W. J. W.	25 00
1 Dau. J. R.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. R. B.	25 00
1 Bro. W. McK	25 00	8 Bro. W. G.	50 00
1 Bro. J. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. J.	30 00
1 Bro. S. C. D.	75 00	8 Sis. J. McP	15 00
1 Wid. B. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. S. M.	20 00
1 Wid. P. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. G. P.	35 00
1 Wid. L. M. L.	20 00	8 Mrs. R. A. K.	25 00
1 Wid. F. L. S.	20 00	8 Mrs. T. H. W.	25 00
1 Bro. R. G.	50 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
1 Wid. J. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. R. G.	25 00
1 Wid. A. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. C. A.	15 00
1 Bro. W. B.	40 00	8 Mrs. A. S. D.	20 00
1 Wid. J. P.	40 00	8 Mrs. E. H.	20 00
1 Wid. F. P. G.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. F. H.	15 00
1 Bro. G. R. McL	75 00	8 Mrs. J. K.	25 00
1 Bro. V. A.	75 00	8 Mrs. R. M. K.	20 00
1 Bro. C. S.	75 00	8 Mrs. T. E. McD ..	20 00
1 Bro. T. P.	50 00	8 Mrs. A. M.	15 00
1 Wid. M. McC	50 00	8 Bro. W. C.	25 00
1 Wid. A. H. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. W. F.	25 00
1 Wid. R. E.	15 00	8 Bro. S. M.	25 00
1 M. W. Bro. A. A. S.		8 Mrs. R. B. M.	15 00
for Wid. A. B.	50 00	8 Bro. J. B. S.	50 00
September 1907.		8 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
6 Bro. W. S.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	15 00
19 Bro. G. S.	50 00	8 Mrs. R. W.	15 00
26 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00	8 Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
26 Miss M. W.	75 00	8 Dau. J. D.	30 00
26 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	8 Bro. W. H.	25 00
26 Miss M. H. H.	18 75	8 Mrs. J. M.	25 00
October 1907.		8 Mrs. J. T.	10 00
29 Mrs. F. F. M.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. W.	10 00
November 1907.		8 Mrs. W. J. A.	20 00
1 Bro. G. P. T.	50 00	8 Bro. W. McC	25 00
1 Wid. A. B.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. W.	20 00
5 Bro. A. M. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. W. P.	15 00
December 1907.		8 Mrs. T. E.	15 00
2 Wid. Bro. R. L. S.	50 00	8 Mrs. A. F.	50 00
18 Miss M. W.	75 00	8 Mrs. J. H.	10 00
18 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	8 Mrs. H. L. K.	20 00

8 Mrs. W. T.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. H. N.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. W.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. M.	30 00
8 Mrs. T. W. H.	20 00	8 Mrs. F. C.	10 00
8 Mrs. T. McC L.	20 00	8 Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
8 Mrs. J. W. K.	20 00	8 Bro. E. G.	75 00
2 Mrs. W. F. S.	20 00	8 Mrs. E. B.	20 00
8 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00	8 Mrs. R. C.	20 00
8 Mrs. G. C.	20 00	8 Mrs. W. H. S.	20 00
8 Mrs. A. J.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
8 Moth. C. M.	15 00	8 Mrs. L. Y.	20 00
8 Mrs. W. J. S.	20 00	8 Mrs. T. A.	25 00
8 Mrs. L. G. J.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. L. H.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. LeC	10 00	8 Bro. J. H.	75 00
8 Mrs. W. P.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. J.	25 00
8 Mrs. J. W.	15 00	8 Mrs. F. S. B.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. L. Y.	10 00	8 Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
8 Mrs. T. B.	15 00	8 Bro. T. G.	75 00
8 Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00	8 Mrs. R. D. M.	20 00
8 Mrs. W. A. W.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. T. P.	20 00
8 Mrs. W. T. D.	50 00	8 Mrs. D. H. W.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. E.	20 00	8 Mrs. J. M.	10 00
8 Mrs. P. G.	20 00	8 Mrs. A. R. P.	30 00
8 Mrs. J. L. H.	20 00	8 Mrs. J. T. G.	25 00
8 Mrs. F. McC	30 00	8 Mrs. R. H. D.	25 00
8 Mrs. W. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. F. F.	40 00
8 Mrs. W. G.	20 00	8 Mrs. R. H.	10 00
8 Mrs. W. H. S.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. McK	25 00
8 Mrs. J. W. McD	20 00	8 Mrs. T. R.	20 00
8 Dau. W. K.	10 00	8 Mrs. A. W.	25 00
8 Mrs. J. M.	25 00	8 Mrs. S. R.	15 00
8 Mrs. W. G. S. R.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. R. L. S.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. B.	25 00	8 Mrs. A. B.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. F.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. H. B.	30 00
8 Mrs. W. L.	10 00	8 Moth. J. O.	15 00
8 Mrs. A. H.	15 00	8 Bro. G. A. C.	50 00
8 Mrs. H. H.	20 00	8 Mrs. F. D.	40 00
8 Mrs. W. H.	40 00	8 Mrs. A. G.	15 00
8 Mrs. F. G. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. R. L.	15 00
8 Mrs. T. J. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. M. J. C.	10 00
8 Mrs. S. M. D.	20 00	8 Mrs. J. W. H.	20 00
8 Mrs. A. L.	25 00	8 Mrs. H. St. V. J.	15 00
8 Son J. L.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. M. McI	40 00
8 Mrs. J. McK	15 00	8 Mrs. C. W. W.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. S.	75 00	8 Mrs. R. C.	30 00
8 Mrs. C. W. M.	20 00	8 Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
8 Mrs. G. S. M.	20 00	8 Mrs. M. McL	30 00
8 Mrs. W. M.	10 00	8 Mrs. W. E. H.	40 00
8 Mrs. T. J. S.	10 00	8 Bro. D. B. M.	75 00
8 Mrs. W. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. W. C.	15 00
8 Bro. R. H. G.	50 00	8 Mrs. S. B.	15 00
8 Moth. Mrs. R.	50 00	8 Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
8 Mrs. H. C.	20 00	8 Dau. W. W.	30 00
8 Sis. W. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
8 Mrs. C. D. McD	25 00	8 Mrs. H. H.	30 00

8 Mrs. J. M.	25 00	8 Bro. W. S.	25 00
8 Mrs. J. S.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. H.	30 00
8 Mrs. A. C.	20 00	8 Mrs. T. B.	50 00
8 Mrs. J. A.	20 00	8 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
8 Dau. J. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. W. A.	20 00
8 Mrs. M. C. B.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. W.	50 00
8 Bro. J. F.	50 00	8 Mrs. G. R.	30 00
8 Mrs. J. B.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. S.	20 00
8 Mrs. R. A. D.	40 00	8 Mrs. C. E. B.	20 00
8 Mrs. G. E. P.	40 00	8 Mrs. D. S.	10 00
8 Mrs. J. S. B.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. S.	10 00
8 Mrs. S. S. R.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. W.	10 00
8 Mrs. W. B. W.	25 00	8 Mrs. P. R. D.	30 00
8 Mrs. L. R.	30 00	8 Mrs. W. E. S.	15 00
8 Bro. B. B.	75 00	8 Dau. C. B.	10 00
8 Mrs. T. H. S.	30 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
8 Bro. A. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. S. A.	20 00
8 Mrs. F. M. H.	10 00	8 Orps. C. M.	30 00
8 Mrs. A. DeP.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. F.	50 00
8 Mrs. A. K.	15 00	8 Mrs. J. A. M.	25 00
8 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. A. P.	25 00
8 Mrs. E. W.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. R.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. B. U.	20 00	8 Mrs. N. M. C.	20 00
8 Mrs. C. A. A.	20 00	8 Mrs. C. M.	50 00
8 Mrs. E. K.	15 00	8 Mrs. J. A.	50 00
8 Bro. F. M.	75 00	8 Bro. G. W. A. P.	75 00
8 Mrs. J. W.	30 00	8 Mrs. H. G. G.	30 00
8 Mrs. D. L. C.	15 00	8 Bro. J. P.	75 00
8 Mrs. B. E.	25 00	8 Bro. J. C.	40 00
8 Mrs. A. C.	40 00	8 Mrs. S. L.	50 00
8 Bro. W. A. D.	75 00	8 Bro. R. A.	30 00
8 Mrs. H. A. E.	30 00	8 Mrs. W. E. J.	30 00
8 Mrs. W. J. S.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. A.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. J. C.	25 00	8 Mrs. R. G.	10 00
8 Bro. W. E.	75 00	8 Dau. J. R. S.	30 00
8 Bro. G. C.	40 00	8 Mrs. W. C.	25 00
8 Bro. F. McM.	75 00	8 Bro. T. W.	75 00
8 Bro. J. M.	30 00	8 Dau. M. V.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. D. K.	30 00	8 Bro. A. B.	50 00
8 Mrs. J. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. C. A. C.	20 00
8 Mrs. D. R.	40 00	8 Mrs. L. N.	30 00
8 Mrs. C. F. R.	30 00	8 Mrs. A. S.	50 00
8 Mrs. A. C. C.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. R. S.	25 00
8 Mrs. G. G.	20 00	8 Mrs. A. S.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. E. K.	20 00	2 Mrs. W. Y.	75 00
8 Mrs. M. J. L.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. McL.	40 00
8 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00	8 Mrs. J. P.	50 00
8 Mrs. S. T.	40 00	8 Mrs. W. S.	20 00
8 Bro. G. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. Z.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. G. L.	50 00	8 Mrs. D. T. L.	30 00
8 Mrs. C. G.	25 00	8 Mrs. T. B. P.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. T. J.	15 00	8 Mrs. R. H. W.	20 00
8 Bro. T. B.	75 00	8 Mrs. J. A. S.	30 00
8 Mrs. J. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. E. S.	20 00
8 Mrs. R. W. L.	15 00	8 Mrs. D. McN.	20 00

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To interest on investments	1,690 04
To interest on bank deposits	32 05
To dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock, value \$100, standing in the name of and held by the Grand Secretary	4 00
	<u>\$13,857 59</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By purchase of Township of Saltfleet debentures	\$4,156 00
Kincardine debentures	1,020 55
Galt debentures	1,731 69
Peterboro debentures	926 46
Owen Sound debentures	943 00
East Toronto debentures	1,592 61
Benevolent Grants, as per annexed list	1,210 00
J. B. Nixon, on account	75 00
By balance in bank	\$2,262 28
Less outstanding cheques	60 00
	<u>2,202 28</u>
	<u>\$13,857 59</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Statement of Assets at 31st May, 1908.

Securities.	Rate of Interest.		Cost Value.	Face Value.
	Bearing %	Yield %		
DEBENTURES.				
East Toronto, Town of....	4½	5	\$ 1,600 08	\$ 1,633 12
Galt, Town of	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4½	1,019 60	1,000 00
Oshawa, Town of	4½	4½	5,251 34	5,272 13
Ottawa, City of	5	4	10, 29 60	10,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of....	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Peterborough, City of....	3		1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of....	4	5	907 90	1,000 00
St. Catharines, City of ...	4	4½	5,141 74	5,319 96
Saltfleet, Township.....	5	4½	4 119 22	4,000 00
Toronto City of	3½	5	4 830 50	5,000 00
Woodstock, City of	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4 000 00
			\$41,989 07	\$42,227 21
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association stock		4	100 00	100 00
			\$42,089 07	\$42,327 21

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce		
on 31st May, 1908	\$2,262 28	
Less outstanding cheques	60 00	
		<u>2,202 28</u>
		<u>\$44,529 49</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Examined and certified to as being correct, June 20, 1908,

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant.

1907-1908

Payments by the Grand Treasurer on Account of Benevolence,
Semi-Centennial Fund.

November 1907.	May 1908.
15 E. H. B. \$20 00	5 Wid. A. F. 20 00
15 Wid. A. F. 20 00	5 Wid. J. E. M. 20 00
15 J. E. M. 20 00	5 Sis. W. C. 20 00
15 Sis. W. C. 20 00	5 Bro. H. O. H. 20 00
15 H. O. H. 20 00	5 Bro. A. E. B. 30 00
15 Bro. A. E. B. 30 00	5 Bro. T. G. 30 00
15 Bro. T. G. 30 00	5 Bro. D. B. M. 20 00
15 Bro. D. B. M. 20 00	5 Dau. J. C. 20 00
15 Dau. J. C. 20 00	5 Bro. B. B. 40 00
15 Bro. B. B. 40 00	5 Bro. T. McM 40 00
15 Bro. T. McM 40 00	5 Bro. J. E. R. 40 00
15 Bro. J. E. R. 40 00	5 Wid. J. F. 20 00
15 Wid. J. F. 20 00	5 Wid. J. R. 20 00
15 Wid. J. R. 20 00	5 Wid. J. A. 20 00
15 Wid. J. A. 20 00	5 Bro. J. P. 40 00
15 Bro. J. P. 40 00	5 Wid. A. S. 20 00
15 Wid. A. S. 20 00	5 Bro. T. R. W. 40 00
15 Bro. T. R. W. 40 00	5 Bro. J. B. 40 00
15 Bro. J. B. 40 00	5 Wid. B. C. 20 00
15 Wid. B. C. 20 00	5 Bro. G. C. 40 00
15 Bro. G. C. 40 00	5 Bro. T. P. 50 00
May 1908.	
5 Bro. E. H. B. 20 00	
	<u>\$1,210 00</u>

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and by my predecessor, the late M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1908. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1908, and returns of lodges as at the 24th June, 1908, with, by instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$ 402 00
Dues	19,767 98
Fees.....	10,356 25
Dispensations	511 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions, etc.....	1,002 20
Commutation of dues	900 00
Miscellaneous.....	649 30

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account, as follows :

Canada Permanent and Western Canada....	\$ 200 00
Canadian Savings & Loan	206 24
Central Canada Loan & Savings.....	600 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan.....	618 75
Landed Banking & Loan	437 50
Landed Banking & Loan	100 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture.....	206 25
City of Brantford.....	320 00
Town of Brockville.....	120 00
Town of Brockville.....	200 91
Town of Brockville.....	192 06
Town of Berlin.....	276 15
City of Hamilton.....	120 00
Town of Kincardine.....	12 50
City of Port Arthur.....	25 00
City of St. Thomas.....	485 95
City of Toronto	170 32

City of Toronto	98 47	
Town of Woodstock.....	420 00	
Bank deposit.....	303 97	
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Total revenue.....		\$ 5,116 07
		38,754 80
Refund from Grand Lodge of California, unused portion of Grant in 1906 for Relief Fund.....		200 00
Canada Permanent debenture redeemed.....	\$10,000 00	
Landed Banking & Loan debenture redeemed	5,000 00	
Town of Brockville debentures redeemed...	342 85	
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		15,342 85
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		\$54,297 65

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1907			
June	3	Deposit	\$ 150 90
"	12	"	79 75
"	18	"	265 00
"	21	"	1,256 36
"	25	"	947 25
"	26	"	875 75
"	27	"	1,790 75
"	28	"	1,127 00
"	29	"	828 25
			<hr/>
			\$ 7,321 01
July	3	"	\$ 1,516 25
"	3	"	894 45
"	4	"	558 25
"	5	"	393 50
"	8	"	616 00
"	8	"	625 50
"	9	"	810 60
"	10	"	443 28
"	11	"	311 50
"	13	"	578 75
"	23	"	2,712 30
"	26	"	220 00
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			9,680 38
Aug.	7	"	\$ 531 25
"	19	"	143 00
"	27	"	302 50
"	27	"	150 50
			<hr/>
			1,127 25
Sept.	18	"	\$ 1,121 32
"	24	"	124 25
"	30	"	43 00
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			1,288 57
Oct.	2	"	\$10,360 00
"	16	"	404 50
"	21	"	168 75
"	30	"	342 50
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			11,275 75

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Nov.	5	Deposit	\$ 5,856 87	
"	16	"	162 25	
"	16	"	163 51	
			<hr/>	6,182 63
Dec.	2	"	\$ 68 75	
"	21	"	228 25	
"	30	"	1,476 80	
			<hr/>	1,773 80
1908				
Jan.	3	"	\$ 1,036 13	
"	4	"	1,615 50	
"	8	"	1,510 50	
"	11	"	567 50	
"	14	"	902 50	
"	18	"	1,660 25	
"	25	"	1,246 25	
"	31	"	737 30	
			<hr/>	9,275 93
Feb.	5	"	\$ 187 75	
"	15	"	1,057 63	
"	29	"	503 87	
			<hr/>	1,759 25
Mar.	7	"	\$ 394 85	
"	14	"	621 25	
"	20	"	444 00	
"	31	"	333 50	
			<hr/>	1,793 60
April	1	"	\$ 436 15	
"	11	"	259 00	
"	18	"	301 00	
"	25	"	260 25	
"	30	"	231 00	
			<hr/>	1,487 40
May	1	"	\$ 734 37	
"	12	"	279 50	
"	30	"	175 75	
"	30	"	142 46	
			<hr/>	1,332 08
			<hr/>	<u>\$54 297 65</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

Year ending May 31st, 1908.

Salary of E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, to March 31st, 1908.....	\$ 200 00
Salary of H. Murray, Grand Secretary, to December 31st, 1907.....	1,500 00
Salary of R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, to March 31st, 1908.....	666 66
Salary of R. L. Gunn, Auditor, to November 30th, 1908	200 00
Salary of H. Vigeeon, Auditor, to February 29th, 1908..	75 00
Salaries of Office Staff, one year, to May 31st, 1908	1,955 20
Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk, nine months	599 97
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	647 20
Printing and Stationery.....	2,951 57
Certificates and Warrants	700 00
Bell Telephone Co.....	57 00
Insurance	61 83
Safety Deposit Box, Toronto General Trusts Corporation	25 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, office rent.....	460 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Ottawa.....	1,727 35
Expenses of Committees and Delegates	37 85
Chairman of Committee on Benevolence, Postage, etc..	20 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	750 00
Traveling Expenses of Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, on account	400 00
Expenses for Funerals, Wreaths, etc.....	115 25
Masonic Relief Association, Membership Subscription .	188 14
Portraits of Past Grand Masters	223 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, P.G.M.....	312 10
New Grand Lodge Regalia, including duty and charges	1,506 30
Repairs to Old Regalia, etc.....	33 20
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	\$15,412 62
Grants for Benevolence.....	21,956 30
Debenture Investments during the year, including accrued interest—	
Town of Kincardine.....	\$ 510 25
City of Toronto.....	5,466 40
City of Hamilton	2,869 62
City of Port Arthur.....	1,009 31
City of Berlin	5,704 62
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	15,560 20
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	\$52,929 12

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

For the Year Ending 31st May, 1908.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	\$ 6 00
87	Markham Union	Markham	7 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	3 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	1 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	50 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	121 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	433 20
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	3 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	53 00
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	150 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	1 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	10 00
382	Doric	Hamilton	330 50
258	Guelph	Guelph	125 00
368	Salem	Brockville	18 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	5 00
424	Doric	Pickering	11 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	1 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	38 00
225	Bernard	Listowel	19 00
30	Composite	Whitby	22 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	9 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	8 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	120 00
346	Occident	Toronto	17 00
395	Parvaim	Comber	15 50
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	45 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	8 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	6 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	6 00
471	King Edward VII	Chippewa	44 00
257	Galt	Galt	6 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	8 00
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	4 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	34 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	29 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	39 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	6 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	80 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	44 50
481	Corinthian	Toronto	174 00
33	Trent	Trenton	18 50
91	Colborne	Colborne	116 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	7 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	74 80
56	Victoria	Sarnia	93 00

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	\$ 6 00
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	33 00
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	9 00
442	Ilyment.....	Thessalon.....	76 00
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	112 00
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	32 00
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	6 00
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	61 00
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	34 00
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	13 00
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	12 00
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	25 00
186	Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.....	14 00
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	10 00
446	Granite.....	Fort Frances.....	20 00
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	16 00
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	37 00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	19 00
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	19 00
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	10 00
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	205 00
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	16 00
423	Strong.....	Sunridge.....	25 00
269	Brougham Union.....	Brougham.....	2 00
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	300 00
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	143 00
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	83 00
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	4 00
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	4 00
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	12 00
	M. W. Bro. Sutherland.....	Rochester.....	22 60
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	63 00
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	33 00
92	Cataragui.....	Kingston.....	25 00
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	16 00
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	42 00
	Bro. J. P. Muir.....	Hamilton.....	5 00
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	55 00
462	Temiscaming.....	New Liskeard.....	13 00
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	2 00
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	16 00
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	40 00
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	200 00
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	300 00
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	125 00
274	Keut.....	Blenheim.....	22 00
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	73 00
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	8 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	20 00
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	2 00
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	74 00
394	King Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	2 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	1 00
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	50 00
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	5 00

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No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
96	Corinthian	Barrie	\$ 150 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	39 50
114	Hope	Port Hope	12 00
47	Great Western	Windsor	50 00
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	15 00
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	24 50
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	33 82
177	The Builders	Ottawa	10 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	35 00
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	12 05
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station	9 50
376	Unity	Huntsville	18 00
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	28 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	53 00
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	9 00
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	6 00
18	Prince Edward	Pictou	6 00
30	Composite	Whitby	9 00
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	3 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	7 00
378	King Solomon's	London	14 00
426	Stanley	Toronto	47 00
26	Ontario	Port Hope	63 00
474	Victoria	Toronto West	31 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	11 00
356	River Park	Streetsville	13 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	7 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	21 00
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	3 00
307	Arkona	Arkona	2 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie	48 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury	35 00
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	25 00
110	Central	Prescott	6 00
180	Speed	Guelph	21 60
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	38 00
402	Central	Essex	39 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	25 00
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	15 00
330	Corinthian	London	5 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	8 00
103	Blenheim	Princeton	7 00
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley	21 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	6 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	25 00
466	Coronation	Elmvale	32 00
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	16 00
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	235 00
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	50 00
469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	14 00
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	50 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	25 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	2 25
400	Oakville	Oakville	42 86
47	Great Western	Windsor	50 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	\$ 37 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	29 00
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	3 00
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	82 50
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	8 00
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	168 00
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	356 00
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	3 00
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	12 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	45 11
127	Frank.....	Frankford.....	19 00
394	King Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	6 00
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	88 00
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	25 10
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	50 00
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	20 00
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	50 00
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	20 00
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	11 00
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	16 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	5 00
62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	1 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	21 00
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	12 00
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	48 00
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	100 00
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	90 15
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	1200 00

Total receipts on Capital Account year ending May 31st, 1908. \$ 9,205 54

Previously acknowledged at page 67, Proceedings for 1907. 34,948 75

Gross receipts on Capital Account to May 31st, 1908. \$44,154 29

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1907			
June	3	Deposit	\$ 67 00
"	4	"	554 20
"	12	"	312 00
"	18	"	340 50
"	21	"	2 3 50
"	25	"	69 00
"	26	"	244 50
"	27	"	62 00
"	29	"	418 50
July	3	"	134 50
"	4	"	174 80
"	5	"	39 00
"	8	"	229 00
"	8	"	114 00
"	9	"	81 00

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July	10	Deposit.....	\$	91 00
"	11	".....		215 00
"	13	".....		41 00
"	23	".....		532 00
Aug.	19	".....		134 60
"	27	".....		83 00
Sept.	18	".....		323 00
"	30	".....		258 00
Oct.	4	".....		300 00
"	21	".....		125 00
"	30	".....		123 00
Nov.	16	".....		76 00
"	30	".....		18 48
Dec.	2	".....		343 64
"	2	".....		93 00
"	21	".....		374 82
"	31	".....		170 55
1908				
Jan.	3	".....		292 50
"	11	".....		226 00
"	31	".....		149 60
Feb.	5	".....		114 00
"	15	".....		62 00
"	29	".....		372 00
Mar.	7	".....		75 00
"	14	".....		95 11
"	21	".....		287 00
"	31	".....		290 50
April	11	".....		356 00
"	25	".....		488 21
"	30	".....		117 00
"	30	".....		13 57
May	30	".....		1587 55

\$10,931 63

SUMMARY.

Capital Account.....	\$	9,205 54
Revenue Account		1,726 09
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		\$10,931 63

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1908.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued Interest on Debentures at Date of Purchase—

Town of Galt	\$ 36 09
Town of Kincardine.....	0 95
Town of Owen Sound	2 90
City of Peterborough.....	18 56
Township of Saltfleet.....	36 78
Grants for Benevolence.	1,210 00
Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1908.....	428 28
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	<u>\$1,733 56</u>

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments—

Town of Galt, Debentures.....	\$ 80 00
Town of Kincardine, Debentures..	25 00
Town of Oshawa,	237 24
City of Ottawa,	500 00
City of Peterborough,	80 00
City of St. Catharines,	212 80
Township of Saltfleet.	200 00
City of Toronto,	175 00
City of Woodstock,	180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, dividend.....	4 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest.....	32 05

Total Cash Receipts..... \$ 1,726 09

Accruing Interest, East Toronto Debentures, deducted
from Purchase Money..... 7 47

\$1,733 56

Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1908..... \$ 428 28

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
July 2, 1907	391	Howard.	Ridgetown	Divine service
" 2, "	389	Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	Divine service
" 4, "	230	Kerr	Barrie	To initiate
" 5, "	418	Maxville.	Maxville	Divine service
" 5, "	455	Doric	Little Current	To install
" 10, "	193	Scotland	Scotland	Divine service
" 16, "	239	Tweed	Tweed	Divine service
" 16, "	69	Stirling	Stirling	Divine service
" 16, "	69	Stirling	Stirling	To install
" 16, "	91	Colborne.	Colborne	Divine service
" 16, "	161	Percy	Warkworth	Divine service
" 20, "	304	Minerva.	Stroud	Divine service
" 23, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Divine service
" 23, "	392	Huron	Cambridge	Divine service
" 26, "	456	Elma	Monkton	Divine service
" 26, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	To hold a picnic
" 27, "	128	Fenbroke.	Fenbroke	To initiate
Aug. 1, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	To initiate
" 15, "	388	Henderson	Iderton.	Divine service
" 16, "	203	Irvine	Elora	Divine service
" 19, "	370	Harmony	Delta	To install
" 19, "	242	Macy	Mallorytown.	To hold an excursion
" 27, "	156	York	Eglinton.	To initiate
Sept. 9, "	461	Ionic	Rainy River	Divine service
" 9, "	463	North Entrance	Haliburton	To initiate

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Sept. 9, 1907	88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	To initiate
" 10, "	272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	Divine service
" 11, "	34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	To decorate graves
" 14, "	205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	Divine service
" 16, "	170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	Divine service
" 19, "	222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	Divine service
" 20, "	464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	Divine service
" 24, "	291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro.....	Divine service
" 24, "	297	Preston.....	Preston.....	To initiate
" 26, "	412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	To initiate
Oct. 2, "	357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Divine service
" 7, "	264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	To raise within time
" 16, "	408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	Divine service
" 16, "	279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	To initiate
" 21, "	37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	To initiate
" 22, "	127	Frank.....	Frankford.....	To initiate
" 28, "	270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	To initiate
" 28, "	U D.	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	Divine service
" 28, "	367	St. George's.....	Toronto.....	At Home
" 1, "	181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	Divine service
Nov. 1, "	98	True Blue.....	Albion.....	To install
" 1, "	3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	To initiate
" 4, "	100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	Divine service
" 5, "	283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	Divine service
" 8, "	455	Dorio.....	Little Current.....	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Nov. 11, 1907	256	Farran's Point.....	Aultaville.....	To initiate
" 21, "	478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	To initiate
" 22, "	313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	To install
" 23, "	164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	Divine service
" 23, "	131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	To elect
" 23, "	476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	To hold a banquet
" 23, "	356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	To initiate
" 25, "	123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	To initiate
" 27, "	46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	To initiate
" 27, "	412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	At Home
" 27, "	137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	To initiate
" 27, "	264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	To install
Dec. 2, "	247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	To install
" 4, "	444	Nitetic.....	Creemore.....	To initiate
" 5, "	90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	To elect
" 5, "	389	Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta.....	To elect
" 5, "	22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	To install
" 5, "	376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	To initiate
" 6, "	424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	To initiate
" 6, "	312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	To initiate
" 7, "	55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	To initiate
" 9, "	403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	To initiate
" 9, "	374	Keene.....	Keene.....	To elect
" 12, "	291	Duffarin.....	West Flamboro.....	To initiate
" 14, "	47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Dec. 16, 1907	435	Havelock	Havelock	To install
" 16, "	384	Alpha	Toronto	To install
" 18, "	439	Alexandria	Alexandria	To install
" 21, "	93	Northern Light	Kincardine	To elect
" 21, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To elect
" 21, "	101	Corinthian	Peterborough	To install
" 21, "	155	Peterborough	Peterborough	To install
" 21, "	446	Granite	Fort Francis	To install
" 23, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	To elect
" 24, "	27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	Divine service
" 24, "	43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	To initiate
" 24, "	423	Strong	Sunridge	Divine service
" 26, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	To install
" 26, "	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	To elect
" 30, "	425	St. Clair	Sombra	To install
" 30, "	44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Divine service
" 30, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	To install
" 31, "	65	Rehoboth	Toronto	At Home
Jan. 2, 1908	147	Mississippi	Almonte	To install
" 3, "	123	The Belleville	Belleville	To initiate
" 4, "	346	Occident	Toronto	At Home
" 4, "	387	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To elect
" 4, "	361	Waverley	Guelph	To install
" 6, "	105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	At Home
" 8, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Jan. 8, 1908	255	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service
" 9, "	171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station	To install
" 9, "	456	Elma	Monkton	To initiate
" 10, "	450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	To install
" 10, "	314	Blair	Palmerston	To initiate
" 11, "	337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To install
" 11, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	To install
" 14, "	352	Granite	Parry Sound	To initiate
" 14, "	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	At Home
" 15, "	478	Milverton	Milverton	Divine service
" 16, "	259	Springfield	Springfield	To initiate
" 17, "	46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine service
" 17, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	At Home
" 21, "	304	Minerva	Stroud	To initiate
" 22, "	39	Mt. Zion	Brooklin	At Home
" 22, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	At Home
" 28, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At Home
" 28, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	At Home
" 29, "	478	Milverton	Milverton	To initiate
Feb. 4, "	386	McColl	West Lorne	Divine service
" 5, "	369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	At Home
" 5, "	279	New Hope	Hespeler	At Home
" 6, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	At Home
" 7, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	To install
" 8, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	At Home

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Feb. 10, 1908	336	Highgate	Highgate	At Home
" 10, "	43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	To initiate
" 11, "	325	Orono	Orono	To initiate
" 13, "	30	Composite	Whitby	At Home
" 14, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	At Home
" 14, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	At Home
" 14, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	To initiate
" 14, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	To initiate
" 17, "	110	Central	Prescott	At Home
" 18, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	At Home
" 18, "	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	To hold a banquet
" 19, "	76	Oxford	Woodstock	To initiate
" 19, "	U. D.	Silver	Cobalt	Divine service
" 20, "	427	Nickel	Sudbury	At Home
" 24, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	At Home
" 24, "	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	At Home
" 25, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	At Home
" 26, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	At Home
" 26, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	At Home
Mar. 2, "	U. D.	Bancroft	Bancroft	To initiate
" 2, "	141	Tudor	Mitchell	To initiate
" 3, "	107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	At Home
" 6, "	158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	To initiate
" 7, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	To initiate
" 9, 1908	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	To initiate
" 11, "				

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	Lodge.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Mar. 11, 1908	443	Powassan	Powassan	To initiate
" 11, "	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	To initiate
" 12, "	323	Alvinston	Alvinston	At home
" 14, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate
" 19, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound	At home
" 21, "	263	Forest	Forest	To initiate
" 23, "	378	King Solomon's	London	At home
" 31, "	373	Copestone	Welland	To initiate
" 31, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	At home
April 3, "	5	Sussex	Brockville	To initiate
" 3, "	209	Evergreen	Lanark	To initiate
" 4, "	143	Friendly Bros.	Iroquois	To initiate
" 16, "	170	Britannia	Seaforth	To initiate
" 22, "	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	To raise within time
" 23, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate
May 2, "	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine service
" 9, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	Divine service
" 11, "	472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine service
" 11, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At home
" 12, "	286	Wingham	Wingham	To invest
" 12, "	471	King Edward VII	Chippawa	Divine service
" 13, "	126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	At home
" 14, "	344	Merrill	Dorchester Sta.	To initiate
" 18, "	469	Algoma	Sault Ste Marie	Divine service
" 21, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	To elect

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
May 27, 1908	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To initiate
" 27, "	379	Middlesex	Bryanston	Divine service
" 28, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	At home
" 28, "	236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine service
" 29, "	396	Cedar	Warton	Divine service
June 1, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	To elect
" 2, "	440	Arcadia	Minden	To install
" 2, "	440	Arcadia	Minden	Divine service
" 2, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To hold excursion
" 3, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine service
" 3, "	412	Dymont	Thessalon	Divine service
" 3, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	To meet in other hall
" 4, "	3 6	River Park	Streetsville	Divine service
" 5, "	439	Alexandria	Alexandria	To hold a banquet
" 5, "	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Divine service
" 5, "	219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine service
" 5, "	228	Norwood	Norwood	Divine service
" 5, "	27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	To initiate
" 6, "	313	Clementi	Lakefield	Divine service
" 6, "	100	Valley	Dundas	To elect
" 8, "	U. D.	Haileybury	Haileybury	Divine service
" 8, "	408	Murray	Beaverton	Divine service
" 9, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Divine service
" 9, "	395	Parvaim	Comber	Divine service
" 9, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	Locus.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
June 10, 1908	385	Spry	Beeton	Divine service
" 10, "	406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	To initiate
" 10, "	375	Lorne	Omamee	To install
" 10, "	258	Guelph	Guelph	Divine service
" 11, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	Divine service
" 11, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	Divine service
" 12, "	465	Carleton	Carp	Divine service
" 12, "	232	Cameron	Dutton	Divine service
" 12, "	119	Maple Leaf	Bath	Divine service
" 12, "	83	Beaver	Strathroy	Divine service
" 12, "	256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	At home
" 13, "	30	Composite	Whitby	Divine service
" 13, "	461	Ionic	Rainy River	Divine service
" 13, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	Divine service
" 13, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	To initiate
" 15, "	141	Tudor	Mitnell	Divine service
" 15, "	155	Peterborough	Peterborough	Divine service
" 15, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Divine service
" 15, "	406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	Divine service
" 15, "	474	Victoria	West Toronto	Divine service
" 15, "	373	Copestone	Welland	Divine service
" 15, "	463	Royal	Fort William	Divine service
" 16, "	327	The Hammond	Wardaville	Divine service
" 16, "	00	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	To install
" 16, "	368	Salem	Brockville	Divine service
" 16, "	239	Tweed	Tweed	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No. -	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
June 16, 1908	237	Vienna	Vienna	To install
" 16, "	37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	Divine service
" 16, "	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine service
" 16, "	190	Belmont	Belmont	Divine service
" 16, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	Divine service
" 17, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine service
" 17, "	14	True Britons	Perth	Divine service
" 17, "	256	Farran's Point	Aultaville	At home
" 17, "	267	Parthenon	Chatham	Divine service
" 17, "	409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	Divine service
" 17, "	159	Goodwood	Richmond W.	Divine service
" 17, "	447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	Divine service
" 17, "	344	Merrill	Dorchester Sta.	To install
" 17, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	Divine service
" 18, "	114	Hope	Port Hope	Divine service
" 18, "	91	Colborne	Colborne	Divine service
" 18, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	To initiate
" 18, "	U. D.	Penewobikong	Blind River	Divine service
" 18, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine service
" 18, "	40	St. John's	Hamilton	Divine service
" 19, "	32	Amity	Dunnville	Divine service
" 19, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Divine service
" 19, "	41	St. George's	Kingsville	Divine service
" 19, "	233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine service
" 19, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	Divine service
" 19, "	283	Eureka	Belleville	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
June 19, 1908	299	Victoria	Centreville	Divine service
" 20, "	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine service
" 22, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Divine service
" 22, "	52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	To invest officers
" 22, "	77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	Divine Service
" 22, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine Service
" 22, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	Divine Service
" 22, "	345	Nilestown	Nileston	Divine Service
" 22, "	449	Dundalk	Dundalk	Divine Service
" 23, "	33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine Service
" 23, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service
" 23, "	242	Macey	Mallorytown	Divine Service
" 23, "	359	Vittoria	Vittoria	Divine Service
" 23, "	420	Nippissing	North Bay	Divine Service
" 23, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	Divine Service
" 24, "	456	Elma	Monkton	To install
" 24, "	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Divine service
" 26, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	Divine service
" 26, "	48	Madoc	Madoc	Divine service
" 26, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	Divine service
" 27, "	87	Markham Union	Markham	Divine service
" 28, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine service
" 28, "	120	Warren	Fingal	Divine service
" 28, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine service
" 30, "	104	St. John's	Norwich	Divine service
" 30, "	458	Wales	Wales	Divine service

**LIST OF BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
M. W. GRAND MASTER.**

	Date	Lodge	No.	Place
1907	June 26	The Builders	177,	Ottawa
"	July 10	Wilson	86,	Toronto
"	July 25	Clifford	315,	Clifford
"	Sept 7	St. Thomas	44,	St. Thomas
"	Sept. 16	Madoc	48,	Madoc
"	Oct. 28	Corinthian	96,	Barrie
"	Dec. 2	Granite	446,	Fort Francis
"	Dec. 5	St. John's	75,	Toronto
"	Dec. 12	Milverton	478,	Milverton
"	Dec. 16	Russell	479,	Russell
"	Dec. 27	Havelock	238,	Watford
1908	Feb. 19	Williamsburg	480,	Williamsburg
"	Mar. 18	Crystal Fountain	389,	N. Augusta
"	Mar. 21	Erie	149,	Port Dover
"	April 9	Madawaska	196,	Arnprior
"	May 4	Stevenson	218,	Toronto
"	May 6	York	156,	Eglinton
"	May 18	St. Francis	24,	Smith's Falls
"	June 17	Seymour	272,	Ancaster
"	June 18	Jerusalem	31,	Bowmanville

**AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
M. W. GRAND MASTER.**

	Date	Lodge	No.	Place
1907	July 8	King Solomon's	378,	London
"	July 12	Gore Bay	472,	Gore Bay
"	July 25	Wingham	286,	Wingham
"	July 25	Doric	289,	Lobo
"	Aug. 1	Manitoba	236,	Cookstown
"	Aug. 10	Windsor	403,	Windsor
"	Aug. 22	Great Western	47,	Windsor
"	Aug. 24	Lodge of Fidelity	231,	Ottawa
"	Sept. 27	Doric	58,	Ottawa
"	Oct. 3	Hope	114,	Port Hope
"	Oct. 3	Nipissing	420,	North Bay
"	Oct. 14	St. John's	209a,	London
"	Oct. 17	St. John's	20,	London
"	Nov. 5	Lodge of Fidelity	231,	Ottawa
"	Nov. 11	Leopold	397,	Brigden
"	Nov. 14	Dalhousie	52,	Ottawa
"	Nov. 20	Prince of Wales	371,	Ottawa
"	Nov. 27	The Beaches	473,	Toronto
"	Dec. 14	St. Andrews	16,	Toronto
"	Dec. 14	Stevenson	218,	Toronto
"	Dec. 16	Rising Sun	129,	Aurora
"	Dec. 16	Pequonga	414,	Kenora
1908	Jan. 8	Tecumseh	245,	Thamesville
"	Jan. 21	St. John's	63,	Carleton Place
"	Feb. 1	Scott	421,	Grand Valley
"	Feb. 14	Zetland	326,	Toronto

1908, Feb. 26—Golden Rule.....	“	126, Campbellford
“ Mar. 3—Central.....	“	110, Prescott
“ Mar. 18—Parthenon.....	“	267, Chatham
“ Mar. 21—Erie.....	“	149, Port Dover
“ Mar. 26—Tecumseh.....	“	144, Stratford
“ Mar. 26—Tecumseh.....	“	245, Thamesville
“ Mar. 28—Kilwinning.....	“	64, London
“ Mar. 31—Victoria.....	“	470, Victoria Harbor
“ April 10—Clifton.....	“	254, Niagara Falls
“ April 10—The Belleville.....	“	123, Belleville
“ April 10—Teeswater.....	“	276, Teeswater
“ April 10—Warren.....	“	120, Fingal
“ May 4—Clementi.....	“	313, Lakefield
“ May 14—Parthenon.....	“	267, Chatham
“ May 18—Barton.....	“	6, Hamilton
“ May 23—Doric.....	“	121, Brantford
“ May 23—King Edward.....	“	464, Sunderland
“ May 28—Northern Light.....	“	93, Kincardine
“ June 2—Brant.....	“	45, Brantford
“ June 2—Burlington.....	“	165, Burlington
“ June 6—Sydenham.....	“	255, Dresden
“ June 17—Seymour.....	“	272, Ancaster
“ June 20—Teeswater.....	“	276, Teeswater
“ June 20—St. George's.....	“	367, Toronto

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

Niagara Falls, July 15th, 1908.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of submitting for your information my report upon the condition of Masonry in No. 1 District.

Shortly after the last annual convocation of Grand Lodge, I addressed all the lodges in the district on the matter of arrears of dues and unaffiliated Masons residing under their jurisdiction, recommending in the former that an earnest effort on the part of the Worshipful Master and Secretary be made to reduce the amount carried on the books as a doubtful asset, and in cases where the payment of the amount charged against a brother would entail hardship for him or his family that a compromise be effected, or the dues remitted entirely, thus preventing the brother from joining the ranks of the suspended for N. P. D. or the army of non-affiliates, and, in the latter, suggesting that an endeavor be made to bring into the lodge those now without the pale.

I later addressed the lodge on the Semi-Centennial Fund, deeming the subject of sufficient importance to make a separate communication on the matter, presenting to the brethren the urgent need of our beneficiaries as the reason why the amount asked for should be promptly contributed and placed at the disposal of the Grand Lodge.

The following deaths have been reported to me:

Bro. Wm. Borrowman, Thistle Lodge 34, Amherstburg.

Bro. Chas. McArthur, Henry Meisner and Wm. R. Burnett, of Great Western Lodge 47, Windsor.

Bro. A. H. White and Wor. Bro. Bates, of Wellington Lodge, 46, Chatham.

Bros. Capt. H. Weston and John Dowswell, Sydenham Lodge, 255, Dresden.

Bro H. Cranston, Pnyx Lodge, 312, Wallaceburg.

Bro. John F. Sherwood, Leamington Lodge, 290, Leamington.

Bros. G. J. Thomas, Albert H. Wigle and C. M. Caughill, Lodge 402, Essex.

Bros. A. W. Davidson and Thos. E. Crocker, Windsor Lodge, 403, Windsor.

Wor. Bro. S. C. Zimmerman, King Edward Lodge (U.D.), Harrow.

On the invitation of brethren resident in the village of Harrow, I visited them with a view of ascertaining the prospects of a lodge at that point. St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, 9½ miles distant, from which most of the Harrow brethren hail, strongly recommended the formation of a lodge. A good room, which could be made suitable for craft purposes being available, on the petition of fourteen brethren I had no hesitation in recommending that a dispensation be granted to form a lodge, to be known as "King Edward," feeling assured that it would be in the interest of the craft.

Having received the dispensation and instructions from the Most Wor. Grand Master, I instituted this lodge on the 2nd of April in one of the most perfectly equipped and comfortably furnished lodge rooms it has been my privilege to visit.

This lodge had the very great misfortune to lose, by death, their Master elect, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on May 12th. Bro. Zimmerman, who was widely known and universally beloved and respected, leaves an enduring memorial of his love for and interest in the craft, in King Edward Lodge. He it was who built their altar, pedestals, columns and tools, the latter with his own hands. Bro. Zimmerman was buried with Masonic honors on the 16th of May, Right Wor. Bro. Allworth, of

Kingsville, conducting the services. Brethren were present from Kingsville, Amherzburg, Windsor and other points.

The Most Wor. Grand Master was pleased to grant dispensation, on the nomination of the brethren, to advance the several officers filling the vacancy caused by the death of the Master.

RIGHT WOR. BRO. T. C. MACNABB.

I had the pleasure of being present at several of the lodges in the district when a letter from a special committee appointed by Wellington, 46, and Parthenon, 267, Chatham, respecting a testimonial to Right Wor. Bro. T. C. MacNabb, was read.

Bro. MacNabb, beloved by all who were privileged to know him, may be considered the father of Masonry in Erie District. In the past, when the facilities for traveling were not what they are to-day, when to reach many of the lodges long drives over roads none too good were necessary, this Right Wor. Bro. found no duty too heavy, no distance too great, where the interest of Masonry was concerned, and was always ready with his time and means to serve his brethren in the craft. Now that he has reached the sear and yellow leaf of old age and totally blind, these lodges, of which he was a life-long member, took the initiative to place before the whole district the opportunity to participate in the worthy undertaking of presenting to Right Wor. Bro. MacNabb a fitting testimonial of their love and esteem. Many of the lodges have responded liberally, and others will, and a substantial purse will be presented to the Right Wor. Brother.

As I desire to make my report as brief as possible, and convey to you the condition of Masonry in general in the district, I will not go into the detail at length of each visit I have made to the lodges. I have visited every lodge in the district, some more than once, and can report a general efficiency in the officers, from Wor. Master down, that bespeaks for the future the same careful work and administration of lodge affairs that has obtained in the past. There is a uniformity in the work presented by the several lodges that reflects great credit on my predecessors in the office of District Master, and

the expressed desire of the officers of all the lodges to be exactly right in their work insures a continuance of that uniformity. I have not found it necessary to criticize severely any of the lodges, and to correct but few, and every correction or suggestion I have made has been kindly received by the brethren.

While absolute correctness of the language of the ritual, as transmitted to us, is to be desired, I have generally laid more stress upon the need of rendering work impressively, endeavoring to make it the aim of each and every officer to brand indelibly upon the minds of the initiates and candidates the lessons we inculcate, that they may carry with them and practice in every path of life the precepts delivered within the lodge portals.

The secretaries of the lodges have been well selected and well suited to the duties of their offices, their work being carefully and promptly executed.

Many applications have been received by the lodges, and the officers and members generally are very careful in the selection of material for membership.

There have been but few cases where the perfect harmony in the lodges has been at all disturbed. In one case only has trial resulted, the brother being found guilty and suspended.

I referred to the Grand Master two cases of irregular ballot, one on account of constitutional seven days' notice not being given; the other an insufficient number of black balls available. In both cases another ballot was ordered.

I have observed many methods of taking the ballot on the application of candidates. That which appears to me most forcibly is where every member is given one white and one black ball. The ballot is then taken, examined, declared, and then destroyed by collecting the unused ballot in the brother's hands by the deacon in the usual way. I should like to see this plan made obligatory by Grand Lodge. It would wholly prevent the possibility of the irregularity above referred to, and protect the secrecy of the ballot.

In presenting to the lodges the claim of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the duty we owe to Grand

Lodge to make good our endorsement of the project, and the great need of such a fund, if we are to perpetuate the relief work of the Benevolence Committee, and have appealed as forcibly as I could to the brethren to practice the lesson of the North East Corner on this, the first request made by Grand Lodge. I have received many assurances from the Wor. Masters and Secretaries that the work would be pushed forward, and I hope that the report of this year will not find Erie District in the unenviable position of having contributed a smaller per capita amount than any other district in the Grand Lodge.

I have also compared our system of extending assistance to our distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, as possessing many advantages over the systems prevailing under some of our sister jurisdictions in the United States, where expensive homes have been erected and are maintained at no small cost, where those benefited are wholly dependent upon Masonic charity, while under our system we leave them a full measure of independence.

I wish to convey to the Wor. Master, Officers and Members of every lodge in the District my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown me and my appreciation of their friendship and good-fellowship in the entertainment offered after the labors of the lodge were over, the dainty lunch served in the lodge room, and the elaborate dinner served in the dining room being equally enjoyed. It has fully compensated for the nearly 2,500 miles of travel and the absence of about a month in the aggregate from my own hearth. My only regret has been that my visits were necessarily restricted as to duration.

VISITS.

December 9, 1907.—Kent Lodge, 274, Blenheim.—After the regular business of the lodge was disposed of, a first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, after which I installed and invested the officers for 1908.

December 26, 1907.—Great Western Lodge 47, Windsor.—I had the pleasure of assisting Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. E. White, P.D.D.G.M., with the installation of the officers of this lodge.

December 27, 1907.—Wellington Lodge 46, Chatham.—I visited this lodge fraternally and witnessed the installation of the new officers by Wor. Bro. Musson, the retiring Wor. Master, which he executed without reference to the ceremonies—something unique, I thought, but I learned that it had been done in Wellington Lodge 35 years before by Wor. Bro. Greening, who was present on this occasion.

January 3, 1908.—I had the pleasure of installing and investing, with the assistance of P.D.D.G.M.'s, the officers of my own lodge, Windsor 403.

February 12, 1908.—Parthenon Lodge 267, Chatham.—On my visit to Parthenon on the above date, I found it was also the occasion of a fraternal visit from the brethren of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, some 25 or 30 members being present. Wor. Bro. Geo. Massey, who was leaving Chatham, after some fourteen years' residence, was made the recipient of the Past Master's jewel by the lodges, and an address from the combined Masonic bodies. Rt. Wor. Bro. Fraser was presented with the P.D.D.G.M. regalia, after which the Wor. Master conferred a third degree in a most perfect and impressive manner.

February 13, 1908.—Xenopnon Lodge 448, Wheatley.—This being a regular meeting of the lodge, the routine business was disposed of, after which the first degree was exemplified upon one of the members of the lodge, a candidate not being available, the work, including the lecture and charge being well done.

February 14, 1908. Parvaim Lodge 395, Comber.—Past Master Anderson conferred the first degree very satisfactorily, and the brethren of Comber are an enthusiastic lot of Masons.

February 27, 1908.—Sydenham Lodge 255, Dresden.—The Wor. Master Bro. Bedell exemplified the third degree upon a candidate in excellent style.

March 5, 1908.—Great Western Lodge 47, Windsor.—The Wor. Master Bro. English and the Immed. Past Master Bro. Gatfield each conferred a third degree upon candidates in a faultless manner. The floor work of this lodge is very precise, improvement being well nigh impossible.

March 11, 1908.—Century Lodge 457, Merlin.—There being no available candidate, the lodge opened in the several degrees, the questions arising on the work being discussed and answered. The officers are competent and earnest.

March 12, 1908.—Lorne Lodge 282, Glencoe.—The first degree was very impressively conferred upon two candidates by the Wor. Master Bro. Hughson and Past Master Elliott. All the officers showed familiarity with their work.

March 17, 1908.—Leamington Lodge No. 290, Leamington.—Past Master Wor. Bro. Rowley conferred a third degree upon a candidate very beautifully, the Wor. Master being unavoidably absent on account of illness in his family.

March 31, 1908.—Thistle Lodge No. 34, Amherstburg.—I was accompanied by about fifty members of Great Western and Windsor Lodges on the occasion of my visit to this lodge. The work of the evening consisted of the first degrees, one being conferred by the Wor. Master, other two by Past Masters of the lodge, the work being particularly well done. Thistle Lodge has organized a club, occupying a large room adjacent to their lodge—billiard, pool, card and reading tables are provided with newspapers and magazines. The club is open at all times excepting when the lodge is meeting, and is well patronized, and provides recreation for both young and old members without any of the temptations which are too often present in public places.

April 2, 1908.—King Edward Lodge (U.D.), Harrow.—With the assistance of Wor. Bro. Miers, of Windsor Lodge, I instituted this new lodge with full staff of officers, and feel assured that they will give a good account of their stewardship.

April 13, 1908.—Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville.—The first degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and a third by Past Master Currie. As expected in this Right Wor. Bro. Fraser's Lodge, the work was of a high order.

April 14, 1908.—Hammond Lodge 327, Wardsville.—The membership of this lodge, which is not large, is scattered over a large area, and the attendance is not as regular as could be wished. There being no candidate,

the Wor. Master opened in the several degrees with careful attention to detail.

April 15, 1908.—Star of the East Lodge No. 422, Bothwell.—The third degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and his officers in a very pleasant manner, leaving but very little to correct or suggest.

April 16, 1908.—Florence Lodge No. 390, Florence.—I drove from Bothwell with very Wor. Bro. Pedlar, of Hamilton, who was to act as grand secretary at the dedication of the lodge room, which was conducted by Right Wor. Bro. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master. The D.G. M., who was accompanied by Right Wor. Bro. Hodgins, Past Grand Chaplain, of Chatham, had to hasten away early in the afternoon to keep an engagement elsewhere. The Wor. Master exemplified the first degree in the afternoon. A Past Maaster and the Wor. Master put on a second and third degree in the evening, showing all the way through their work a careful attention to detail.

May 11, 1908.—Howard Lodge No 391, Ridgetown.—The Wor. Master, Bro. Little, exemplified the first degree, his work being conducted in a highly commendable manner.

May 12, 1908.—Naphtali Lodge 413, Tilbury.—This lodge had the misfortune to be without a resident Master during last year, and, in consequence, suffered in the administration of its affairs, and the attendance of members fell off. They now have an able and energetic Master in Wor. Bro. Johnson, and a marked improvement may be expected. It was intended to confer first degree upon two candidates, the officers and members of Parvaim Lodge, Comber, to exemplify the work on one. One candidate, however, failed to appear, and rather than disappoint the brethren from Comber the work was put on by Wor. Bro. Anderson and the officers of Parvaim Lodge, the work being exceedingly well done.

May 13, 1908.—Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney.—The Wor. Master and officers of the lodge conferred a third degree in a very satisfactory manner. Questions arising in the course of the work were answered, and a few minor corrections made.

May 14, 1908.—St. George's Lodge No. 41, Kingsville.—The first degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and his officers in a very perfect manner.

May 15, 1908.—Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate.—There being no candidates for initiation or advancement the Wor. Master opened the lodge in the several degrees, he and his officers showing exceptionally fine work.

June 1, 1908.—Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham—I witnessed a first degree exemplified by the Wor. Master under somewhat trying circumstances, the evening being very warm, and with military bands, brass and bugle, parading the streets in close proximity. Notwithstanding this distracting circumstance the work was effectively rendered.

June 10, 1908.—Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex—After the regular routine business of the lodge and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Wor. Master opened the lodge through the several degrees, and any information requested by the brethren was imparted. Under the new officers I look for continued or even greater success. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Central Lodge on June 24th.

June 15, 1908.—Pynx Lodge No. 312, Wallaceburg.—The Wor. Master conferred a first degree upon a candidate in a very limpressive manner.

June 23, 1908.—King Edward Lodge (U.D.), Harrow.—The Wor. Master elect, Bro. Richardson, after opening the lodge, with the able assistance of the Past Master, conferred the first degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. I have recommended that this lodge receive their warrant, as they are exceedingly well and comfortably equipped, and a more enthusiastic and energetic lodge it would be impossible to find.

Windsor Lodge No. 403.—At this, my own lodge, I seldom miss a meeting, regular or emergent. The work of the Master, Past Masters, and Junior Officers is always of an high order.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

ROBERT H. KEVELL, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1897, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem. Increase during year.	Men- bership	Degre's Conf'd	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deaths.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief. in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	94	10	13	13	9	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
41	St George's	Kingsville	93	9	14	7	9	11	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
46	Washington	Chatham	197	11	15	15	14	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
47	Gt Western	Windsor	357	38	8	37	25	19	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
915	Tecumseh	Thamesville	61	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
955	Sydenham	Dresden	77	4	1	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
997	Parthenon	Chatham	152	9	20	19	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
971	Kent	Windsor	90	9	7	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
991	Lorne	Windsor	129	2	10	12	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
996	Lehigh	Windsor	104	12	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
312	Payson	Windsor	31	4	5	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
327	The Hand	Windsor	61	4	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
336	Highgate	Windsor	36	7	1	7	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
385	McClure	Windsor	36	7	1	7	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
390	Florence	Windsor	73	5	5	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
391	Howard	Windsor	55	4	3	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
395	Pavilion	Windsor	22	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
402	Central	Windsor	245	15	23	23	23	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
409	Windsor	Windsor	42	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
411	Redney	Windsor	93	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
413	Naphtali	Windsor	50	5	1	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
422	Star of East	Windsor	36	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
424	Xenophon	Windsor	36	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
457	Century	Windsor	36	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
U. D.	King Edw.	Windsor	36	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Clair District, No. 2, during the past year, I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation to the brethren of the district for their confidence in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M.

I also desire to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy shown me on every occasion during my visits. These favors and courtesies have been a source of great pleasure to me.

During my visits I have tried to impress upon the brethren the necessity as well as the laudable object of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and in some cases have met with a hearty response. I have no doubt that in the near future the wishes of the Grand Lodge will be fully complied with.

Upon a petition duly recommended, I applied to the M.W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to open a new lodge at Inwood, the circumstances attending which did not wholly meet with the approval of the M.W.G. Master. Consequently for the present it was not granted.

During the past year the following deaths have been reported to me:

Bro. Charles T. Giles, Bismark Lodge No. 419.

Bro. Peter Wellington, Point Edward.

Bro. George Holwell, P.D.D.G.M., of Cassia Lodge No. 116 Thedford.

Bro. Thos. R. K. Scott and Bro. Richard H. Robson, of Forest Lodge No 263.

Bro. Colin Kerr, Alvinston, No. 323.

Bro. J. McKenzie and Bro. W. Farr, of Victoria No. 56, Sarnia.

Bro. W. L. Lambert, of Burn's Lodge No. 153, Wyoming.

A lodge of instruction was held at Mount Bridges on March 12th, 1908. Over one hundred members of the craft were in attendance.

The afternoon session began shortly after two p.m., during which the first and second degrees were exemplified.

The first degree was exemplified by the Wor. Master Bro. J. H. Argue and officers of Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy. The work was so perfectly done that it called forth the highest praise from not only the critics, but also the Grand Master and D.G. Master.

The second was next exemplified by Wor. M. Bro. F. J. McKee and officers of Bismarck Lodge No. 419, Point Edward. This degree was equally well done, and received well-merited applause from all brethren present.

The evening session began at 7.30 p.m., about one hundred and fifty brethren being present. The first order of business was the reception of Grand Lodge officers, who were received with grand honors. I highly appreciate the honor of having the Most Worshipful Grand Master A. T. Freed, and also R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, D.G.M., present at these sessions. The third degree was exemplified by the I.P.M., Bro. C. E. Bateman, and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Bridges. The work was so well done that criticism was out of the question, and the officers received well-merited praise.

The D.D.G.M. announced that the P.D.D.G.M. Right Wor. Bro. S. McWhorter was unable to be present owing to illness, and that the Grand Lodge regalia would be presented to him in Petrolia the coming week.

I have visited all the lodges in the district and found the work so well done that criticism was nearly impossible. I feel proud to say that each lodge had new

work on hand, which is a proof that the craft is in a flourishing condition in the district.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: Visited this lodge February 4th. The work in this lodge was conferring the first degree by the W.M., Bro. A. V. Collins, which was done in a manner that called forth many expressions of praise for the officers of the lodge.

A pleasing feature was the rendering of the full choral service by the Victoria Lodge Choir, under the able direction of Bro. Wm. H. Buckley, which added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

The J. Warden's work, especially the lecture, is deserving of the highest praise.

I was much pleased with the number of P.M.'s who were present, and sincerely hope that they will not forget the influence they have in the craft.

Brother F. C. Watson is an ideal secretary, and his books are all that can be desired.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Bridges: Visited this lodge, January 14th. Regret to say that J. W. Toles, W.M., was unable to be present owing to illness in the family, but his place was very ably filled by P.M. Bro. C. Bateman. The officers exemplified the third degree in a very able manner. W. Bro. J. C. West is a very efficient and painstaking secretary, and takes a very lively interest in Masonry.

I also had the pleasure to present W. Bro. Bateman with a past master's jewel, which is a very commendable act of the lodges to their faithful officers.

The brethren, being good entertainers, a very pleasant hour was spent after the lodge was closed.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: Visited this lodge January 24th, 1908. W.M. Bro. J. H. Argue conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner. The J. Warden's manner in giving the lecture was commented on by the visitors. This lodge is full of live Masons, which is no doubt owing to the number of P.M.'s to be found here every meeting.

I know the brethren appreciate their presence. W. Bro. R. T. Richardson is a model secretary and deserves the highest praise.

Beaver Lodge was instituted July, 1857, and was, therefore, fifty years old last July. The brethren, instead of celebrating their fiftieth anniversary by a ban-

quet, refurnished their lodge room with a beautiful new altar, (quarter-cut oak) candlesticks and working tools in commemoration of the event. A good example for all in the district.

After lodge was closed we spent a pleasant hour in the fourth degree. Right W. Bro. Whitehead's degree of raising his horse brought down the house.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: Visited this lodge February 17th, 1908. P.M. J. D. Morrison and officers conferred the first degree with a great deal of accuracy and very impressively.

Opened and closed in the second and third degrees. All the work was exceedingly well done.

This lodge is prosperous, and has many enthusiastic Masons. Among them R.W. Bro. George Sutherland Bro. Ironsides and Bro. J. D. Morrison. The banquet after the lodge closed, was enjoyed by all present.

Burns' Lodge No. 153, Wyoming: Visited this lodge February 13th, 1908. Wor. Master Bro. W. L. Travis and the officers conferred the second degree. The work done was highly satisfactory. This is one of the most active lodges in the district; has many enthusiastic Masons in its membership, among whom might be mentioned R.W. Bro. Coghlan, Bro. Brodie, Bro. Parker, and Bro. Wilson. R.W. Bro. Coghlan, the secretary, is a model of activity and accuracy.

A pleasant hour was spent after the labors of the evening was over, and all retired to their homes well pleased with the evening.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: Visited this lodge January 23rd, 1908. Bro. G. W. Short, P.M., and officers conferred the second degree; opened and closed the third degree. All the work was well done, and left no opening for criticism.

I was pleased to know that R.W. Bro. A. W. Park has his grip on the work as of old. I have no doubt that his influence, backed by W. Bro. Duggan, that the prosperity of this lodge will not be overlooked.

W. Bro. Duggan is one of the best qualified secretaries in the district, who looks after his office in a business-like manner.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: By the request of Washington Lodge, No. 260, and Petrolia,

No. 194, we held a joint meeting March 17th for my official visit.

Bro. F. W. Mulligan, W.M., and officers conferred the first degree in a very efficient manner.

The J. Warden's lecture shows him to be well skilled in the craft. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to I.P.M. Waddell.

The W.M. W. J. Barret and officers of Petrolia Lodge conferred the second degree in a manner which was appreciated by all. The work of both lodges as a whole was of the highest standard, every officer doing his part with honor to himself and credit to his lodge.

A large number of visitors were present, among whom were R.W., P.D.D.G.M. G. Sutherland, of Cassia Lodge No. 116. After lodge was closed a banquet was held at the Fletcher House.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: Visited this lodge December 3rd, 1907, accompanied by several brethren of Arkona.

H. B. Stewart, W.M., and officers conferred the second degree. The work was almost faultless.

The brethren have lately renovated and furnished their lodge room, and have one of the most comfortable rooms in the district.

After the work was over a very social evening was spent.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: Visited this lodge February 11th, 1908. Bro. G. A. Walters, W.M., conferred the second degree. The work of the W.M. and officers was well done, and was highly commented upon by the visiting brethren from Camlachie, Thedford, and Arkona.

Much credit is due to Bro. P. W. Campbell, the secretary, for the prosperity of the lodge. The dues are well looked after and books excellently kept.

After lodge was over a very pleasant hour was spent in the usual way.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: Visited this lodge April 16th, 1908. Bro. F. A. Johnston, W.M., and the regular officers opened and closed in the several degrees, and conferred the second degree in a perfect manner. The attendance was fairly good, and the brethren evinced a keen interest in the good work of the craft.

F. J. Tully is deserving of praise for the excellent manner in which the books are kept.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: Visited this lodge May 14th, 1908. No regular candidate being on hand, Bro. F. Patterson, W.M., and officers conferred the first degree on a Brother, opened and closed in second and third degrees. The work of the W.M. was exceedingly well done. The work as a whole was fairly well done.

Bro. F. Nelson is a model secretary, who looks after his office and does not allow the members to fall behind for want of a reminder. Quite a number of visiting brethren were present from Forest and Thedford.

Closed with a pleasant hour spent in lodge room.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: Visited this lodge March 11th, 1908. Bro. James Croft, W.M., and officers conferred the second degree very efficiently, the work of the wardens being especially well done.

This lodge is one of the best in the district, very prosperous, and the lodge room is a model of perfection, and the brethren take a just pride in its appearance.

W. Bro. W. E. German is a model secretary, and no doubt his work is highly appreciated by the members of his lodge.

After lodge closed a pleasant hour was spent.

On November 15th, 1907, I paid my first official visit to Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, accompanied by Bro. B. Parker, P.M., district secretary.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree by W. Master Bro. J. C. Sutherland and officers, which was done in a very able manner.

The Secretary, Bro. H. Lowe, is a very efficient officer and his books are very satisfactory, and the manner in which he provided for the entertainment of the visitors will be long remembered.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: Visited this lodge May 13th, 1908. Brother I. J. Stevenson, W.M., conferred the second degree. The work was very well done by all the officers. Owing to the wet weather but few brethren were present. Bro. J. A. McEwen, secretary, is a new man in his office, but I have no doubt he will be a great help to the welfare of his lodge and the craft. After the work a pleasant hour was spent, and all went home well pleased.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: Visited this lodge February 12th, 1908. The work of the first degree was exemplified by P.M. Thomas Crawford and the officers in a highly satisfactory manner, especially the lecture by the Senior Warden, Bro. F. W. McCordic.

Considering locality this lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having seventy members. The secretary, Bro. A. Trusler, looking well after the dues and financial standing of members. The social degree was not forgotten. After the work of lodge was over a very pleasant and enjoyable hour was spent at the Neeham House, where Mrs. Neeham had prepared a rich repast for the brethren. The speeches made by members and visiting brethren were of a very high order.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Bridgen: Visited this lodge April 15th, 1908. No regular candidate present. Bro. D. Waren and officers put on a second, opened and closed the third degree. All the work was well done.

The Secretary, Bro. A. D. Cotter, does his work well and deserves praise.

After the lodge closed a very enjoyable time was spent in the fourth degree.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: Visited this lodge February 10th. F. J. McKee, W.M., and the officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren from Sarnia. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Brother McLeister.

I was much pleased to see a goodly number of past masters present. These lights in Masonry are always ready and willing to do any work for the welfare of the order.

R.W. Brother B. F. George's work as secretary needs no comment. His wide experience forms a valuable asset to his lodge, and his love for the craft renders him a pillar of strength to the order.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: Visited this lodge April 14th, 1908. Bro. G. M. Shephardson, W.M., and officers conferred the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has 74 members, and is

in a very prosperous condition, made up of brethren who have Masonry in the heart as well as in the head.

Bro. R. G. Stokes is the right man in the right place.

A pleasant hour was spent after the lodge closed.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: Visited this lodge March 18th, 1908. Bro. John Boyd, W.M., and officers conferred the first degree. The W.M. did his work very impressively; in fact, all the officers should be complimented for the manner in which they do their work. Altogether, the work of this lodge is a credit to the district. There was a good attendance, and several visitors from Point Edward and Victoria Lodges. The east was well filled with past masters, which speaks for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Geo. Wenino is a model secretary; books well kept and his work beyond criticism.

After the lodge closed a pleasant hour was spent in the lodge room.

In conclusion, permit me to heartily thank the brethren of St. Clair District for the kindness shown me during my term of office. I cannot close my report without expressing my appreciation of the kind services of the following P.D.D.G.M.'s: Alex. Saunders, George Sutherland, S. McWhorter, and S. E. Cornell and other brethren, who so generously tendered me valuable assistance in the discharge of my official duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. THOMAN, D.D.G.M.,

St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'd.			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrangements.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
						E. A.	E. C.	M. M.																	
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	215	10	10	11	13	2	5	1	2	11	17	40	188	85	8	52	25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes	
57	St. John's.....	Mount Bridge.....	96	12	10	7	6	3	2	1	1	12	20	26	112	20	12	20	30	July, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	\$250 00	
81	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	119	4	10	6	10	3	2	6	3	14	20	25	40	40	12	20	60	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	1000 00	
118	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	41	3	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	12	14	14	61	40	Feb. 19, '08	At par	Fair	No	350 00		
153	Burns.....	Wynning.....	99	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	11	1	15	15	7	7	75	60	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	85	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	16	30	30	0	18	80	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	275 00	
194	Petrolia.....	Waterford.....	80	12	11	10	10	1	1	1	1	12	19	31	14	35	35	181	30	June 24, '08	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00	
234	Havelock.....	Forest.....	75	8	7	6	5	1	2	4	2	12	16	25	35	00	13	46	00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
251	Moore.....	Conright.....	41	1	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	13	13	13	5	10	10	104	05	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
297	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	70	5	4	3	2	1	1	5	1	12	20	15	17	17	4	54	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	No	500 00	
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	70	5	4	3	2	1	1	5	1	12	20	15	17	17	4	54	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	No	500 00	
338	Loxley.....	Naylor.....	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	10	4	4	20	00	June 24, '07	Debt \$125	Fair	Yes	200 00	
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	70	7	6	4	4	1	3	4	1	14	20	17	37	00	21	100	00	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
392	Huron.....	Cambridge.....	62	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	15	15	35	00	15	75	00	June, 1908	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	74	6	5	4	4	2	2	1	1	10	14	11	11	11	90	105	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	No	300 00	
419	Bismarck.....	Point Edward.....	153	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	6	10	30	100	00	30	105	00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
435	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	153	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	6	10	30	100	00	30	105	00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	153	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	6	10	30	100	00	30	105	00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in London District, No. 3, for the year 1907-08.

Before entering upon the details of my report, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the highest office in their gift, for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me when making my official visits, and for the very hospitable manner in which I was received by every lodge in the district.

Masonry has been progressive in this district for many years owing largely to the character and ability of my predecessors in office, hence it will be difficult for me to point out any marked advances made during the past year. There seems a disposition on the part of lodges in this district to own and beautify their rooms, to exercise every care in the selection of candidates, to advance the admission fee, to select very capable and efficient officers, to see that application forms and notices comply strictly with the constitution, and to advance the social and benevolent sides of Masonry.

The only points of criticism that I would venture to offer would be more promptness on the part of some secretaries in making proper and complete returns, more promptness on the part of some lodges in beginning the work of the evening, and that some lodges require more knowledge of work from candidates before allowing them to be advanced.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

On assuming office I found, to my sorrow and regret, that many lodges of this district had contributed nothing to this fund, and, further, that some looked upon it with

disfavor, due, no doubt, to not having a clear conception as to the nature of the fund and the manner in which it is to be expended. I resolved that this state of affairs should not exist at the end of my term of office, and I am happy to say that as a result of my humble efforts, and the large heartedness of my brethren, every lodge in the district now has something to its credit, and the amounts are being gradually augmented, so that I am led to hope that in the near future the honor roll of Grand Lodge will contain the names of many lodges from London District No. 3.

VISITS.

In connection with my official visits, I wish to express my gratitude to the various Past D.D.G.M.'s and other grand officers of the district, to Mr. C. S. Cunningham, of the Wabash staff, St. Thomas, and to Mr. J. S. Palmer, of the Michigan Central staff, St. Thomas, for many personal kindnesses shown me.

St. John's, 20: This lodge is the oldest in the district, does excellent work, and commands the respect of all sister lodges in the district, as is evidenced by the fact that nearly seven hundred officers, members and visitors assembled to welcome me on the occasion of my visit. I have every reason to believe that under the able management of W. Brother Weldon and Secretary Dawson this lodge will long continue to hold the proud position which she now holds.

St. George's, 42: Prosperity seems to be the fortune of No. 42. Everything is done accurately, promptly, and with a spirit that actuates every officer to do his very best.

St. Thomas, 44: This is an old and prosperous lodge, careful in the selection of material, accurate and prompt in returns, but should do a little more to the semi-centennial fund. Bro. W. Slater has no superior in the district as a secretary.

Kilwinning, 64: Was royally received here on January 7th by a large number of brethren. Saw some splendid work, and enjoyed the greatest pleasure of the year in seeing a worthy brother made an honorary member. W.M. Glass and Secretary Glover will see that Kilwinning is ever well to the fore.

St. Mark's, 94: Viewed from every point this lodge is

in about the best position in the district. Does good work, has a very complete record, makes all reports promptly, and is active with the semi-centennial fund. W. Bro. Wollatt and Secretary Mitchell understand the tenets of Masonry.

St. Paul's, 107: This lodge has a splendid hall, beautifully decorated, and free from debt, and is quietly, but steadily, progressing.

Warren, 120: The brethren of this lodge are large, open-hearted fellows, and doing some good work. They own a comfortable hall, and have recently advanced the dues.

Malahide, 140: This being my mother lodge, I will simply say that W. Bro. Richardson and Secretary Woods are doing the class of work that has been done for many years past, which is fairly well known throughout the district.

Prince of Wales, 171: The brethren here have a lodge not very centrally located nor very satisfactory for their work. They are a good lot of fellows, however, and look forward to more comfortable quarters.

Belmont, 190: I received here a hearty welcome and a good contribution to the S.C. fund. The officers do good work, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

The Tuscan, 195: W. Bro. Abbott is a very enthusiastic Mason, and has splendid support from his past masters and officers. This lodge is in a splendid condition financially, and should do more to the S.C. fund. I had difficulty in getting reports from Secretary Maingault.

St. John's, 209A: This lodge needs no commendation from me, its work being known far and wide. The financial standing is good, and I am assured by W. Bro. Wilson that a serious effort will be made to promote the S.C. fund. A very large number greeted me here, and I saw a third degree very beautifully exemplified.

Cameron, 232: Promptness in opening and answering correspondence is a characteristic of this lodge. W. Bro. Doyle exemplified the first degree in splendid form, and R.W. Bro. Milner, of St. Clair District, gave a most enjoyable talk on Masonry. Success is assured to Cameron, 232.

Doric, 289: This is the last lodge I visited, but by no means the least. They own comfortable quarters, and are progressing. The Master, W. Bro. Oliver and Secretary Graham are both very efficient.

Mount Olivet, 300: I was delighted to find this prosperous lodge taking hold of the S.C. fund in a business way. W. Bro. Moscrip and Secretary Wright, assisted by R.W. Bro. Guest, are sure to see that Mount Olivet holds a foremost place in the district.

St. David's, 302: This is one of the most active lodges in the district. The officers are capable, very courteous, punctual, and characterized by a true Masonic spirit. May success continue with St. David's.

Corinthian, 330: This is the first London lodge I visited, and I was very kindly received by W. Bro. Ferguson and his officers. Harmony prevails here, and a slow, but steady, progress marks the progress of Corinthian, 330

Merrill, 344: This is a very small lodge, but deserves a great deal of credit for the careful, yet generous, way in which it manages its affairs. It owns the building and is contributing systematically to the S.C. fund.

Nilestown, 345: W. Bro. James and Secretary Barrows are to be congratulated for the manner in which they are managing the affairs of Nilestown, 345. Splendid work is done by the officers, and an honest endeavour made to do everything in strict accord with the constitution. I received a good contribution to the S.C. fund here.

Delaware Valley, 358: The brethren of this lodge were very kind in arranging to receive me at a special meeting. An effort is being made to do good work here, and to promote the S.C. fund. Nothing had been done before, but a start was made on the night of my visit, October 18th, 1907.

King Solomon, 378: Election of officers being held the night of my visit, no work was exemplified. This lodge has its dues in splendid shape, works well, starts promptly. I am sure it will prosper under the guidance of W. Bro. Simmie.

Middlesex, 379: I was ill when visiting this lodge, and hence not in a position to fully enjoy the unusually good work done by W. Bro. Roberts and his officers. I may say frankly that I did not hope to see the class

of work done here in a small rural lodge such as 379
Success to this lodge.

Union, 380: This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and doing good work. I hope W. Bro. Dean will make a record for himself by reducing somewhat the outstanding dues. I have his assurance that he will increase Union's distribution to the S.C. fund and am sure he will do so.

Henderson, 388: We were very late in starting at this lodge, but I am sure this is due to the great distance that the members have to drive. W. Bro. McNeill has the work well in hand, and is ably assisted by his officers.

King Solomon, 394: It was here that I met my only real disappointment. This lodge owns a fine hall, beautifully decorated, and is well off financially. I received a good contribution to the S.C. fund, and was loyally entertained, but that does not compensate for the friction that prevails in the lodge. I would urge the brethren to forget the past, and work with that unity that should characterize Free Masons.

Moffat, 399: This is a small lodge, but is making progress, and is situated in a splendid district. There are a number of members, strong financially, and good-hearted, but for some reason that I cannot learn, very much opposed to the S.C. fund. I received a contribution, however, and trust that when the brethren take serious thought on the nature of this fund they will cheerfully contribute their quota.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my District Secretary, Mr. E. O. Richards for the valuable assistance so cheerfully rendered me during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. E. C. KILMER, D.D.G.M.,

London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.			F. C.	E. A.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Restorations.	Suspensions, & P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total.	increase during year.	(decrease during year.										Regular.	Emergency.									
243	St. John's.	London.....	10	19	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
42	St. George.	London.....	16	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
44	St. Thomas.	St. Thomas.....	30	5	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
64	Kilwinning.	London.....	13	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
94	St. Mark's.	Port Stanley.....	3	5	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
107	St. Paul's.	Lambeth.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
190	Warren.	Finch.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
140	Malabide.	Aylmer.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
171	P. of Wales.	Lawrence St'n.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
190	Belmont.	Belmont.....	3	9	8	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
195	Tuscan.	London.....	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
232	St. John's.	London.....	6	9	8	18	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
238	Cameron.	Dutton.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
288	Doric.	Lobo.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
300	At. Olivet.	Thorndale.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
308	St. David's.	St. Thomas.....	12	13	12	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
330	Corinthian.	London.....	19	10	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
344	Merrill.	Dorchester Stn.....	2	6	1	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
345	Nilestown.	Nilestown.....	4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
358	Del. Valley.	Delaware.....	5	9	1	9	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
378	King Sol'm.	London.....	13	19	4	19	21	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
379	Middlesex.	Hryaukon.....	3	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
380	Union.	Hilderton.....	20	12	16	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
388	Henderson.	London.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
394	King Sol'm.	Thamesford.....	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
399	Monk.	Harriettville.....	3	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the pleasure to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District, No. 4, during the past year.

I wish here to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in selecting me as District Deputy Grand Master, particularly as I was unable to be present at the Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa at which I was elected. In consequence of my not being present at Grand Lodge my installation was deferred, and R.W. Bro. S. G. Holley, Past D.D.G.M., was authorized to perform that ceremony. Installation took place on August 30th, 1907, in the beautiful hall of Stratford and Tescumseh lodges, in the city of Stratford. The impressive ceremony was performed by Right Worshipful Brother S. G. Holley, Past D.D.G.M., assisted by Right Worshipful Bro. Geo. Malcolm, Past D.D.G.M., in the presence of one hundred and fifty of the brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Stratford brethren gave a splendid banquet, at which the usual toasts were proposed, duly honored, and responded to. I have to express my thanks to the two Stratford lodges for so generously placing their beautiful hall at our disposal for this ceremony, and their unstinted hospitality in entertaining the brethren.

On September 24th, 1908, I had the honor, by direction of the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Granton, in the County of Middlesex, to be known as Granton Lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony of forming this new lodge by Worshipful Bros. Constable and Jackson, and Bro. Hayes and Edy. The attendance was not large owing to a number of the brethren being unable to be present.

After the usual ceremony had been performed, the officers were placed in their respective positions and opened the lodge in the second and third degrees, and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. With such an excellent presiding officer as Wor. Bro. W. Dann, assisted by his excellent Senior and Junior Wardens. Granton Lodge has good prospects for future prosperity.

On the 16th of September, 1907, I was present at the constituting and consecrating of Milverton Lodge. This beautiful ceremony was performed by Right Worshipful Bro. Judge Macwatt, of Sarnia. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, assisted by Right Worshipful Bro. S. G. Holly and myself.

This very impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large number of brethren from the surrounding lodges. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Milverton brethren entertained the visiting brethren at a magnificent banquet in the Town Hall. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, duly honored, and responded to. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Right Worshipful Bro. Judge Macwatt, D.G.M., Worshipful Bro. A. McLaren, M.P., Worshipful Bro. J. P. Rankin, and my esteemed friend Worshipful Bro. H. B. Morphey, K.C., of Listowel.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On the 21st of October, 1907, I visited New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg. I found a very fair attendance of the members. There was no candidate, but the officers exemplified the first degree very satisfactorily. Worshipful Bro. Puddicombe, W.M., and his officers, were well up in their work. The work of the Junior Deacon was very good, as well as that of the other subordinate officers. I learned with regret that the Junior Warden, who was not present, has his work up poorly, but hope he will endeavor to do better. I expected that the work done in this lodge would be up to the mark, and I was not disappointed. The excellence of the work done in this lodge is no doubt largely due to the training of Right Worshipful Bro. Holley. I was desirous of paying the first official visit to this lodge as a mark of esteem to Right

Worshipful Bro. Holley, to whom I am indebted for many kindnesses.

The fourth degree was well exemplified in a beautiful banquet hall. I was accompanied on this visit by Worshipful Bro. Constable, of St. James' Lodge, who responded to the toast of the visiting brethren in an appreciative and witty speech.

On February 10th, 1908, I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford. I was received by a large number of members and visitors in the beautiful hall jointly occupied by this and Tecumseh Lodge, 144. The third degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master Bro. Knechtel, and his staff of officers, in an excellent manner. The floor work was particularly well done, although some of the officers seemed to suffer from nervousness. Needless to say that the banquet which succeeded the conclusion of the work in the lodge room was quite up to the reputation and hospitality enjoyed by this lodge. Excellent speeches were made in response to the various Masonic toasts.

On March 12th, 1908, I paid my official visit to Irvine Lodge, 154, Lucan.

The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Geo. Thomson, and his staff of officers. The unavoidable absence of the Senior Warden to some extent marred the work, but his place was admirably filled by a past master.

This lodge has a number of bright past masters, among them Worshipful Bro. Dr. Orm, who are well qualified to fill the highest places in the gift of their brethren. This lodge now occupies a very fine hall, beautifully furnished and up to date in every respect. The members of Lucan Lodge have an enviable reputation as entertainers, and at the banquet which followed the work in the lodge room they fully sustained this reputation. Witty and instructive speeches were made by many of the brethren, especially by Worshipful Bro. Constable, of St. James' Lodge, of St. Mary's, and the Rev. Messrs. Holmes and Carlyle.

On April 17th, 1908, I paid my official visit to Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton.

There was a very large attendance of the brethren. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ball.

The work of the officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, was exceptionally well done. The work of the Worshipful Master being nearly perfect, as was that of the other officers. The excellence of the work done by the officers of this lodge is no doubt due to the presence in the lodge of such brethren as Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Shaw, Worshipful Bro. Hoover and others. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. Sharp, of St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, who was a resident of Clinton 43 years ago and a past master of Clinton Lodge.

I also had the pleasure of meeting my friend Right Worshipful Bro J. C. Hegler, of Ingersoll. This lodge now occupies a fine hall, elaborately furnished and fitted in the most modern style. The membership is large and enthusiastic, and no doubt will soon stand second to none in the district.

The banquet which followed in the banqueting room connected with the hall was a marked success, the speeches being both witty and instructive. That of Rt. Wor. Bro. Hegler, in response to the toast of Grand Lodge of Canada, being replete with information and instruction.

On April 20th, 1908, I visited Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth. The attendance was one of the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the lodge. The Worshipful Master, Bro. D. J. McCallum, conferred the first degree in a manner almost above criticism. The work of the officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, being almost ritualistically perfect. I was accompanied on the visit by R.W. Bro. Holley, of New Hamburg, Wor Bro. J. G. Constable, St. Mary's, and Wor. Bro. Mallion, of Stratford.

A number of visiting members were present from Mitchell, Hensall, Exeter, Belleville, and New York. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished, and the lodge, with its staff of officers, should have a brilliant future. At the conclusion of the work in the lodge room the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall in connection with the lodge, where a sumptuous dinner was served, and a pleasant hour was spent in speech and social converse.

On the 30th of April, 1908, I visited Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford, and I was received by a very large

number of members and visitors in their beautiful and well-appointed lodge room. The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Stevenson in a manner that I did not see excelled in the district. The Wor. Master is a good ritualist, and does his work both accurately and impressively.

Each officer is well posted in his duties, and the floor work was above criticism. There is very little in the way of instruction to be done when visiting the Stratford Lodges, as they have so many well-posted Grand Lodge officers who take great interest in the work and instruct the junior officers. Asplendid banquet followed after the lodge closed, and the Junior Warden's toast, happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again, brought the very pleasant gathering to a close.

On May 29th, 1908, I visited St James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not as large as I expected. A heavy rain storm having set in in the early part of the evening prevented a number of the members and visitors from attending.

The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Sinclair and his efficient staff of officers. The work of the Wor. Master and his officers was done so well as to call for but little criticism.

This lodge has the benefit of the experience of such well-skilled brethren as R.W. Bro. H. F. Sharp, W. Bro. J. G. Constable, and W. Bro. A. Carman, who prove a source of strength to the lodge. Wor. Bro. Constable proved a splendid host at the banquet which followed. I am happy to say that the cloud which rested upon this lodge for nearly two years has been dispelled, and that the lodge has entered upon a period of harmony and progress, and is now in a prosperous condition financially and otherwise. This lodge will celebrate its jubilee this year in the latter part of September or early in October, when it is expected that the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers will be present at that function.

Owing to a severe illness contracted early in March, and under the direction of my physician, I was unable to visit the lodges, the reports on which follow, and were visited by my esteemed R.W. Bro. S. G. Holley, who

came to my assistance and relief with that large-hearted Masonic spirit which characterizes him. R. W. Bro. Holley has my warmest thanks for his kindness in this and many other respects. His reports on the lodges he visited are hereto annexed.

May 15th I officially visited Wilmott Lodge, No. 318. There was a good turnout for this lodge considering the rainy night.

The work for the evening was passing the candidate, Bro. Hollwell answered his questions accurately, and was allowed to retire. As brother Hollwell is the son of V.W. Bro. P. Hollwell, on this occasion the regular officers did not fill all the chairs V. W. Bro. Hollwell was W.M.; Bro. Russell was S.W.; W.M. Bro. Armstrong was J.W.; Wor. Bro. J. Sumpton was S.D.; Bro. Schumir acted as J G.

The work was impressive and correct, and I congratulate very Wor. Bro. Hollwell on his work. Wor. Brother Buttler is an efficient secretary, and keeps the Wor. Master posted on routine work concerning the lodge. Dues are in a poor shape. On the whole, this lodge is in a good state, thanks to the past masters. After the lodge closed the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous banquet.

May 21st I officially visited Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell. Referring to the register I find the regular meetings are well and largely attended. Emergency meeting as this was, I found a good attendance, great interest being taken by the past masters. W.M. Bro. Mowtry, P.M., held a board of trial before the lodge was opened and the visitor asked to retire. A few of the brothers thought the visitor had proved himself, but W.M. Bro. Mowbray would not vouch for him, and I upheld his ruling. This visitor was not in possession of the secrets, although initiated two years ago.

The work of this evening was raising a candidate who answered his questions for his O.B. and explained his W.T. well.

The work of opening and closing and conferring this degree by the W. Master, Wor. Bro. John Dunlop, was very good. He has a good voice, and is impressive in his work and careful. Bro. Nichols, S.W., and Bro.

W. E. Coplin, J. W., are both well posted. Also Bro. Frank Heal, S.D., and Bro. A. Hill Junior, I.G. Very Wor. Bro. Scharfer is a good all-round worker and a credit to his lodge. Bro. J. D. Morrow, secretary, keeps his books very neatly and correctly, and has the dues well paid up. This lodge is taking up S.C. fund and will remit to the grand secretary. I have much pleasure in reporting Tudor Lodge, No. 14. I consider this lodge one of the best in the district.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: I visited this lodge May 18th. Being forced to ask for an emergency meeting, which was cheerfully granted by the Wor. Master, W.M. Bro. W. Zapfe. Owing to their regular meeting having taken place a few evenings previous, this meeting was turned into a lodge of instruction on the three degrees with a good attendance of the members. There was also present Right Wor. Bro. Tomie, of St. Clair, District No. 2, and Wor. Bro. Olds, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62. Several of the regular officers were absent on account of sickness. Wor. Bro. P. Zapfe, Wor. Master; Wor. Bro. Griffith as S.W.; Bro. Thos. Newell, J.W.; Bro. Geo. A. Fraser, S.D.; Bro. E. H. Humphries, J.D., acting; Bro. J. Hoban, I.G.

The W.M. Master can confer all the degrees, and I am assured Bro. Newall, the J.W., gives the T.B. and W.M. The above officers were all proficient in their work of opening and closing. A very large number of questions were asked. Dues are all in good shape, and the lodge is indebted to Bro. Geo. A. Fraser for his untiring energy as acting secretary for the balance of the year. This brother is also able to give the three charges. They have done something to the S.C. fund, and will bring it up at next regular meeting.

Granton Lodge, U.D.; Visited May 26th, 1908. Owing to bad weather there were not many visitors at this emergency meeting, but the members turned out. The work required was opening and closing in the three degrees and initiating a candidate who was a F.C. The work was creditable. I find each officer incapable of doing the work required next year, when they expect to rise a chair higher in Masonic work.

Bro. Abery, S.W., and also Bro. Blues, J.W., require no prompting. Past Master C. A. Lang acted as J.D., and otherwise assists in the work. W.M. Bro. Dann,

Wor. Master, fills his chair in a dignified manner, and this lodge is in a healthy and progressive stage. The officers are not anxious to receive members, but are careful as to quality. I strongly recommend this lodge to the Grand Master for its charter. Each officer is proficient, and they have the proper spirit of officers.

There was very little of the work requiring my advice. A large number of Masonic questions were asked, and which I was pleased to answer, as it gave them greater confidence.

After the lodge was closed a pleasant time was spent in the fourth degree, where I had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with Wor. Bro. A. Crant, P.M., Middlesex, 379, also Wor. Bro. Max Kohl, P.M., Henderson, 388. Both these past masters are well skilled.

The lodge room is rented from the Oddfellows. Is convenient and comfortable. Very little encouragement is needed to make the brethren build a room for their own use. The S.C. fund will receive attention in a substantial way.

May 29th, 1908, I visited Milverton Lodge, No. 437. In order to attend to my business next morning I drove to visit this lodge. The evening was wet, and I found attractions such as football and political meetings being held. However, there was a good attendance—16 members and a few visitors. By request of the officers I made a lodge of instruction in the openings and closings, and on such parts of the work as any member wished information upon. A large number of questions were answered, and different parts of the work illustrated with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Mallion, of Tescumseh Lodge. All present admitted the wisdom of the officers in making the change, instead of working a degree on this occasion. I find all the officers proficient and energetic in their duties. Secretary W. Zoeger keeps his records correctly and very neat. Dues are in good shape.

Complimented Wor. Bro. Condeck, Wor. Master, of Elma Lodge, who resides now in Milverton. In his interest in Milverton Lodge, and his able work as Wor. Master. Wor. Bro. Livingston having moved out of the district. The officers are all capable of taking higher office when duly elected, and I advised them to apply for a dispensation to elect and instal at the end of their

first year under warrant, instead of waiting until next December, as their by-law calls for. This first election to remain in force six months or eighteen months, as they deem best. The average attendance is 16 to 20 at regular meetings. Membership 39. A quantity of applicants no inducement, but quality is. S.C. fund urged and promised further attention. A social banquet was held after the lodge closed in the lodge room.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, June 9th, 1908: I made my official visit to this lodge this evening on the regular lodge night. A large amount of routine was to be gone through, after which I was received in the usual manner befitting my office. The Wor. Master, W.M. Bro. G. L. Parsons, initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden continues working in the manner of ten years ago, which shows to no advantage Junior Deacon "acting." Charles Sale did his work well and correctly. The Inner Guard, whose name I have forgotten, speaks well, and his work is correct. The charge, in the north-east corner of the lodge, was most impressively given by Right Wor. Bro. Radcliffe, whom I complimented. There are still two members using the black ball in an unmasonic manner, to the detriment of the lodge, and which to a great extent takes the heart out of the officers. They, however, meet and practice. The attendance is always large, and the past masters' attendance is good. Wor. Bro. W. F. Gallow is well up in his work, particularly in his penalties. Dues were paid up, also the S.C. fund. Insurance carried.

After the initiation the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Not a great many questions to be answered. After closing, all adjourned to the banquet room, where a very social time was enjoyed, and where I had the pleasure of meeting Right Wor. Bro. Tye, P. Grand Registrar.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303: I wrote the secretary asking for an emergency meeting for July 3rd, and received a reply that at the last regular meeting, June 23rd, it was decided not to be convenient to have an emergency meeting owing to many of the brethren living in the country and being very busy. This lodge and another are the only ones not being able to assist you in your dilemma.

Hensall, Zurich Lodge, No. 224: I communicated

with the secretary of this lodge to endeavor to have an emergency meeting called for last week of June, and received a reply that owing to the officers being newly installed they were not in a position for an official visit, and that they would be pleased if I would visit them on June 24th and instal the officers. Having an engagement to instal the officers of New Dominion, No. 205, I was unable to go. I regret that this lodge did not assist you in your official work owing to sickness.

Elma Lodge, No. 456: I officially visited this lodge on June 27th, the officers of which were willing under the regrettable circumstance of your illness to call an emergency. I had, in order to be back in time on Monday morning, to drive 33 miles going and same returning, but did so with great pleasure to again visit the brethren of this progressive lodge. The work was school of instruction by request of the officers, and installing the officers for the ensuing year. I was accompanied from Milverton by Wor. Bro. Condict, W.M., Master of this lodge. The regular officers were all present. W.M. Bro. Condict, by my request, opened in the third degree in a splendid manner. Bro. Duffield was installed W. Master. He is a good and painstaking officer in all his work. Bro. Struthers installed Senior Warden. I was pleased with his prompt and efficient work. Bro. J. C. Flood the new Junior Warden, shows that he is a student, and no doubt will in due time reach the east. This lodge is in excellent order. Dues well paid up, and the S.C. fund nearly so, and they are determined to complete it. Secretary's books neat and complete.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133: I visited this important lodge on the evening of June 29th. The Wor. Master, kindly calling an emergency meeting. I arrived there by driving from Lucan in order to fill this appointment. It was a wet evening, and I found about 35 brethren present. The work selected was an initiation, which was correctly and impressively given by W.M. Bro. W. W. Toman. The S. Warden, Bro. Collins, was exact and graceful. The work of J. Warden R. N. Cinch prompt and correct, and the explanation of the T.B. was perfect. J. Deacon's work was clear and concise. The Inner Guard's work was correct all through

The work of this lodge is always to be appreciated. Dues well paid, and S.C. fund paid in full.

Refreshments served after the lodge closed in the ante-room and a social hour enjoyed.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309: Owing to the lateness of the visits I was unable to visit this lodge, but I feel certain, from what I saw of the work a year previous, it is in good shape. I regret I did not have time at my disposal to visit this interesting lodge.

HAL. WHITE, D.D.G.M.,
South Huron District, No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 9th, '97, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deaths.	Meet-ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Total.	Regular.										Emergency.		
323	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	183	19	17	6	9	1	1	1	3	3	9	13	619	26	100	00	93	00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$1000 00		
73	St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	86	12	13	1	3	5	3	1	1	5	1	13	11	24	6	00	16	74	75	Dec. 27, '07	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	600 00	
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	99	5	1	3	5	3	1	1	5	1	15	5	20	93	\$10	00	11	59	50	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
133	Leb. Forest.....	Exeter.....	90	1	3	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	13	10	00	14	49	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	450 00		
33	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	53	...	...	5	4	3	...	...	...	2	12	3	14	15	100	00	17	115	35	Dec. 1907	Good	Vy Good	Yes	300 00
141	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	185	18	19	21	23	7	7	7	9	...	113	13	26	44	55	00	48	458	43	Dec., 1907	Good	Vy Good	Yes	1500 00	
151	Irving.....	Lucan.....	73	4	3	3	1	...	...	...	1	...	10	2	19	30	...	35	87	23	June 13, '08	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
170	Britannia.....	Seaford.....	93	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	12	113	15	15	30	00	2	6	00	Dec. 31, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
305	New Dawn.....	New Hamburg.....	40	...	...	3	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	12	13	15	...	...	8	50	00	June 19, '08	Good	Vy Good	Yes	800 00
334	Zari B.....	Hensell.....	83	3	4	5	3	2	...	13	4	17	26	10	180	00	Dec., 1907	Good	Vy Good	Yes	800 00
333	Doric.....	Park Hill.....	64	5	1	2	3	3	1	...	...	3	...	13	4	17	...	...	...	...	...	June 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	25	5	5	5	5	...	...	...	1	...	9	10	11	90	...	...	...	...	...	June 27, '07	Vy Good	Vy Good	Yes	1000 00
309	Morn'g Star.....	Carlton.....	59	2	6	6	6	...	...	...	1	...	12	12	13	8	35	50	5	4	00	June 30, '08	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
318	Wilmet.....	Baden.....	26	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	6	...	9	12	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
333	Strat'rd.....	Stratford.....	167	10	6	7	8	1	1	9	9	6	...	9	12	13	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
478	Elma.....	Monkton.....	41	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	8	15	19	0	00	5	38	00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
466	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	30	8	8	5	4	...	...	...	1	...	11	4	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	No	350 00
U.D.	Granston.....	Granston.....	15	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	2	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good	Yes	...

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the above district during the past year. In the first place I wish to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for unanimously electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district, and for the uniform courtesy, kindness, and consideration with which I have been invariably treated. Although the duties I have endeavored to perform have been somewhat arduous, yet the labor has been one of love, and if my feeble efforts have been in any way beneficial to others, as they certainly have been a pleasure to me, I shall feel amply repaid. I am well aware of my many shortcomings and deficiencies, but I would ask the indulgence of my brethren in regard to these for I can assure them my aim has been to do what I believed to be right so far as my opportunities and abilities would permit. And, further, I wish especially to thank such brethren as R.W. Bros. Clark, Wamsley, Campbell, Ferguson, Morton, Cameron, McPherson, P.D D.G.M.'s, and V.W. Bros. Dundas and Bell, and many others whose names I would like to make mention of if space would only permit, for their many kind acts, and in showing at all times the utmost readiness to assist me with their knowledge and advice and experience. I have visited every lodge in the district once during my term of office, and regret that I was not able to visit them oftener. My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary Bro. Wendt, of Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter. I addressed a circular letter to all the lodges in the district calling attention to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and that no brother should be installed Master of a warranted lodge unless he is competent to perform the ceremonies of

opening and closing the lodge in each degree, and to confer the various degrees, according to the established work, and also asking for notices of all meetings from secretaries of the lodges.

FRATERNAL DEAD

I regret to report that three of the lodges have lost members by death during the year, four of our brethren having passed to the grand lodge above.

VISITS.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on March 4th, 1908. There was a good attendance of members and a good number of visitors present from Southampton and Tiverton. The W.M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and conferred the first degree on a very bright and intelligent candidate. The whole work was performed in a very creditable manner, and especially that of the J. W. and J. D. is deserving of special mention. The books are well kept by W. Bro. McPherson. The lodge room is one of the most handsome and beautifully decorated in North Huron District. The kindness and courtesy shown to me by R. W. Bro. McPherson, V. W. Bro. Miller, W. Bros. Hay, Bruce and other members of the lodge will always have pleasant recollections for me, and I shall often recall with unmixed pleasure the warm, true fraternal greetings received by me from the brethren of Northern Light Lodge. An adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where an excellent repast had been prepared, and song and music lengthened out one of the most enjoyable evenings I have ever spent.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On request of the W. M. I paid my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting on February 12th, 1908. The W.M. occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members, among whom were V.W. Bros. Dundas and Montgomery. V.W. Bro. Thos. Bell and Wor. Bro. H. Bell, of Wingham Lodge No. 286, were also present. The W.M. and officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees, and V.W. Bro. Montgomery conferred the third degree on Bro. Pratt, which might have been improved with a little practice. They have a nice, comfortable lodge room, with dining hall below,

where we adjourned after the closing of the lodge and partook of a bountiful repast, after which a very enjoyable hour was spent in speech and song.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: I have had the pleasure of meeting with the brethren of this lodge on their regular meetings with the exception of two. I made my official visit to the lodge on March 16th, 1908. There were 25 members present and 10 from St. John's Lodge, Brussels, among whom were W. Bros. Fox, Black, and Wilton. The work of the evening was a first degree, which was ably done by W. Bro. Harris and officers, assisted by some of the visiting brethren. It is needless for me to say very much about the work of this lodge, as it invariably receives a good report from the D.D.G.M. One thing I regret to say is that this lodge, along with some of the other lodges in the district, has not taken up or done anything towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Kindly remember your needy brethren, the widow and the orphan. After lodge closed we adjourned to the Gofton House, where the J. W. had a right royal supper prepared, and which was very highly appreciated by me and all who were present.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184: On March 3rd, 1908, the brethren of this lodge called a special meeting in order that I might pay my official visit. I was received with Grand honors by a good number of the members. The W.M., W. Bro. McLeod and his staff of officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and as there was no work they exemplified the work of a degree in an admirable manner. This lodge is in good financial standing. The dues are well paid. A good brotherly spirit exists among the officers and members. May it long continue. At the close a lunch was provided in the banquet room.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: My official visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of February 11th, 1908, being introduced to R.W. Bro. Clarke. The room was well filled, and the brethren attentive and interested. The work submitted was a passing, which was well done in every respect by W. Bro. Pettepiece. This lodge hardly needs inspection from a D.D.G.M., having P.D.D.G.M.'s Clarke and Scott and V.W. Bro. Harris and about twelve P.M.'s present. The books

are perfectly kept, the affairs of the lodge in good shape and the prospects most promising. To speak of one officer more than another would not be right, as all seemed imbued with the ambition to excel. At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to the Central Hotel, where an excellent supper was laid and a pleasant hour spent.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: W. Bro. Kelly, W.M., W. Bro. Foster, secretary. I visited this lodge on their regular night of meeting, Friday, March 13, 1908, and found a very large number of past masters and brethren present to greet me. The work of the evening was rendered in an excellent manner. Nothing can exceed the good feeling, Masonic and otherwise, existing among the brethren both in the lodge room and outside. They are in possession of the largest lodge room in the district, it is well laid out, furnished with the best, and has a complete banquet room in connection. My visit here was marked by a very warm welcome. The W.M. was in the chair, his officers in their places. The secretary, W. Bro. Foster, was, as usual, on hand. I examined the books and found everything correct and beautifully kept. I also had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Campbell, W. Bros. Brook, Blackmore, Blewitt, and several others whom I would like to mention, but space will not permit. By request of the W.M. and officers I had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, to present a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. as a mark of respect and appreciation of his work while acting as ruler of the craft. The fourth degree was thoroughly appreciated, after which a very pleasant time was spent in speech and song.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of February 14th, 1908. I received a very cordial and hearty reception, and spent a very pleasant evening. There was no work, but the W.M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and exemplified the work of the first degree in a faultless manner. The lecture on T.B. given by J.W., and charge delivered by W. Bro. Sheppard, deserves special mention. The new lodge is handsome, and beautifully furnished. The brethren of Aldworth Lodge deserve great praise for their work and true Masonic spirit. At the banquet

which followed a most enjoyable time was spent, enlivened by several fine speeches and splendidly-rendered songs.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: My official visit to this lodge was made on their regular night of meeting, October 25th, 1907. W. Bro. Baker, W.M., in the chair. This lodge is laboring under trying difficulties, as a number of their members are railway employes, and have not the opportunity of attending practice or even lodge, although I might say the night I visited about 25 of their members and two visitors from Saugeen Lodge were present. This is a very pretty lodge room, the equipments are good, and everything is kept in first-class order. The work of the evening was the conferring the first degree, which was taken in parts by the W.M. and W. Bro. Chapman, and it might have been improved by giving a little more attention to the work. The Secretary, Bro. Farquharson, keeps his books in splendid condition. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained at the hotel, where a most enjoyable hour was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I had a very enjoyable visit here on November 19th, 1908. There was a good attendance of the members, and I was very kindly received and warmly welcomed by W. Bro. Bishop, W.M., his officers and members of the lodge. W. Bro. Bishop and his officers conferred the second degree on Bro. Wilton, a well-prepared candidate, most creditably, and St. John's Lodge must be complimented on their choice of officers. The lodge room is in splendid condition. The books are well kept, although I may say the brethren of this lodge are slow about paying their dues. After the lodge closed we spent an hour very pleasantly around the festive board.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: Accompanied by W. Bro. Harris, Bros. Reis, Davidson, Carr, and Rae, of Forest Lodge, No. 162, I visited this lodge on their regular meeting, February 4th, 1908. W.M. and officers, with the exception of J.D. in the chairs. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree, but owing to the candidate being somewhat stupid, a substitute was provided, and the work exemplified, and the opening and closing of the lodge in the second and third degrees, which, I am very sorry to say.

was done in a very slovenly manner, and far from the usual way in which this lodge is in the habit of doing their work. R.W. Bro. Morton, P.D.D.G.M., is a very careful and painstaking secretary, and I believe he has the best kept books in the district. After labor we adjourned to their lunch room, where, under the superintendence of Bro. Moore, a sumptuous repast was partaken of.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: W. Bro. McCullum, W.M., R.W. Bro. Hutchinson, secretary. I made my official visit to this lodge on their regular night of meeting in November, 1907, accompanied by Bro. Edwards, of Forest Lodge, No 162. W. Bro. McCullum and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and conferred the third on Bro. Young, a well-prepared candidate, in a manner which deserves great credit, being such a short time in the chair. Having the opportunity of visiting this lodge quite often, I may say that this is nothing unusual, as they invariably do their work well. After lodge closed we had lunch in the lodge room and spent a very pleasant hour.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge on their regular night of meeting, May 11th, 1908, and as the railway connections with this village are not the best, and the roads at this season of the year unfit for driving, R.W. Bro. McPherson, of the Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, kindly offered to get up a load and go over, among whom were V.W. Bros. Miller McPherson, Bros. Closkey, McRae, Campbell and others, of the Northern Light Lodge. We arrived a little late. I had, however, the pleasure of seeing the first degree exemplified in a most impressive manner. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees was nicely done. The Junior Warden's lecture was accurately given, and reflects credit on this officer. The Secretary, Bro. Bowie, has his books in good shape, and the finances in fair condition. Nice lodge room and comfortably furnished. The brethren of Bruce Lodge are also adepts at the work of the fourth degree, a happy exemplification of which preceded a ten-mile drive.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I visited this lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting, January 13th, 1908. On my entrance to the lodge I was warmly

welcomed by the W.M. and brethren, and received with grand honors. Mr. Vandusen was initiated in a splendid manner, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The general condition of Masonry in this locality is excellent and the prospects for the future most promising. The financial affairs of the lodge are in a most satisfactory condition with the exception of dues, which would recommend a more prompt response to the secretary's notice. The secretary has nice, tidy books. They have a nice lodge room, and well furnished, a good refreshment room, where we adjourned after lodge closed and enjoyed a well-prepared lunch. I was also entertained the following day by W. Bro. Dehl and Mrs. Dehl, which I can assure you I appreciate very highly.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: By request the W.M. called an emergent meeting of this lodge on January 16th, 1908, so I could avail myself of the opportunity of paying my official visit, which I appreciated very much. The work was the conferring of the F. C. degree upon Bro. O. C. Smith, whom I have known for a long time and we have not the least hesitation in saying will prove a credit to Forest Lodge, No. 393, wherever his lot is cast. The W.M., though laboring under difficulties with a bad cold, worked the degree very satisfactorily. Dues were well paid, attendance twenty-six, and general tone of the lodge is of the best. The secretary, W. Bro. Ross, has the books in good condition, and I was greatly pleased by the presence of several past masters. They have a nice lodge room, and well furnished. In the exemplification of the fourth degree the members of Forest Lodge, No. 393, are second to none in this district.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Warton: This is one of the best lodges in the district in every respect. I had the pleasure of meeting with the brethren of this lodge on their meeting, January 14th, 1908, and was very cordially received at the station by my predecessors, R.W. Bros. Ferguson and Cameron, also W. Bro. Newman, W.M., and escorted to the Pacific Hotel. The lodge room is a good one, and is most appropriately furnished and decorated. They have beautiful ante-rooms, cloak-room, and dining hall in connection. The third degree was conferred on Bro. Jackson, a well-prepared candi-

date, by W.M. Bro. Newman and officers with great precision, and in a most impressive manner. The whole ceremony being performed by the regular officers on their first night after installation is worthy of special mention. The financial standing of the lodge is good, membership being 115; is large in comparison with other lodges in the district. This lodge owes a great deal to its P.D.D.G.M.'s, also P.M.'s, who are, as I understand, in the habit of giving instructions to officers. A banquet was prepared in the dining room, and at the close of the meeting all were invited to attend. A very pleasant hour was spent by all present. There is work as well as honor in the proper performance of the duties of D.D.G.M., but the loyal support and encouragement received at meetings like this more than compensate for any labor, and encourages the belief of the D.D.G.M. that duty performed in the interest of our noble craft is not in vain.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: Accompanied by V.W. Bro. Dundas, of St. Lawrence Lodge, I visited this lodge officially on their regular night of meeting, February 13th, 1908. My reception by the W.M. W. Bro. Muir was most kind and cordial. The work presented was a first degree, which was rendered in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Muir is a careful and clear worker, every portion of the ceremony being rendered with the intention of impressing the candidate, whom I feel was much profited thereby. The reading of the charge being the most important for criticism, which I strongly advised should be divided up among P.M.'s, which would encourage them to attend. The brethren of this lodge seem to leave the payment of their dues to the eleventh hour. I would say "follow up" the excellent system of a most efficient brother. I had the pleasure of meeting P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Bell, of Niagara District, which I am sure will be of great value to this lodge. The evening was concluded by an elaborate banquet, good speeches and songs. The outlook of the lodge is excellent.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: W. Bro. Sirrs, W.M., J. M. McKee, secretary. I visited this lodge at an emergency meeting, February 10th, 1908, and although probably the most severe storm of the season prevented some of the members from being pre-

sent, and of the twenty-five who ventured out, made up, by their zeal and earnestness and the apparent sincerity of their work, for what otherwise would have been a record night. Bro. Sirrs, W.M., has the lodge well in hand, and Grand Lodge can look for a banner year under his direction. The charitable work of this lodge is something to be proud of. R.W. Bro. Pinkerton is an enthusiastic Mason, and the success of this lodge is largely due to his painstaking efforts. The books are well looked after only for one thing—the dues are slowly collected. The exemplifying of the first degree was conducted by a class of officers far above the average. The financial standing and prospects of this lodge are excellent. After lodge closed J.W. ordered an abundant supply of oysters, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: W. Bro. Mills, W.M., W. Bro. Witthun, secretary. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of January 17th, 1908. The first degree was conferred in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who seems to realize his responsibility, and is well supported by his officers. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The dues are well collected, and the Secretary's books are well kept. The prospects of this lodge are of the best. The beautiful lodge room, the furniture, the officers and members, and the crude material upon which to work, cannot be excelled anywhere in the district. The memory of this visit will ever remain in my memory.

Burns' Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: On January 15th, 1908, the brethren of this lodge called a special meeting, when I visited, officially accompanied by R.W. Bro. Wamsley, W. Bros. Newman, Suthby, Haugh, and McKay, from Cedar Lodge, No. 396. The work of the evening being the exemplification of the first degree and the opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees, which was done very creditably considering that it was the first night after their installation, and I have no doubt that before their term of office expires they will be able to compare favorably with most of the lodges of the district. The secretary has the books in good order, with the exception of the dues. A number of the brethren are too far behind. They have a neatly furnished lodge room. After the lodge closed the

brethren assembled at one of the hotels, where an excellent supper was laid and a very pleasant hour spent.

In conclusion, permit me again to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred upon myself and mother lodge in electing me to the responsible office of D.D.G.M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits. I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different lodges. I have tried my best to do my duty. I have endeavored at all times to impress upon the brethren with whom I came in contact that as Masons and citizens our obligations required of us to be good and true men, thus bringing honor upon their mother lodge and Masonry generally. By so doing we would be better prepared when the call comes for us to pass from this sublunary abode to the grand lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master forever lives and reigns. If I have failed in my duty, I ask the brethren to forgive me, and extend to me the broad mantle of Masonic charity. I firmly believe that peace and harmony prevail everywhere throughout North Huron District, and may they continue to do so until time shall be no more.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. BROWN, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem-ber-ship.	Degree's conf'd	Admissions.	Re-sus-pen-sions.	Sus-pen-sions N. P. D.	Sus-pen-sions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of Members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
93	Nthn Light	Kincardine.....	99	7	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	13	9	22	30	\$69.00	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$200.00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton.....	76	2	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	13	9	22	30	\$69.35	.....	July 1, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$700.00
162	Forest	Wrocton.....	45	5	1	4	5	5	5	5	5	11	1	12	16	15.00	.....	Dec. 28, '07	Good	Good	No	\$100.00
184	Old Light.	Lucknow.....	66	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	13	2	15	21	32.00	.....	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	500.00
197	Saugeen	Walkerton.....	91	3	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	12	3	15	21	32.00	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	750.00
225	Bernard	Listowel.....	97	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	12	3	15	21	32.00	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
235	Albion	Paisley.....	35	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	3	13	19	7	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	200.00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater.....	71	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	11	14	27	33	85.7	.....	June 24, '08	Bright	Fair	Yes	250.00
284	St. John's	Brussels.....	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	14	17	33	85.7	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150.00
296	Wingham	Wingham.....	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	15	15	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150.00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich.....	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	.....	.....	.....	Good	Fair	Yes	1000.00	
341	Bruce	Tiverton.....	53	6	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	14	2	15	13	35.00	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500.00
352	Maple Leaf	Chesley.....	115	6	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	13	1	15	23	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500.00
358	Cedar	Warton.....	57	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	13	2	15	20	.....	.....	Jan. 22, '08	Favorable	Good	Yes	250.00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin.....	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	15	.....	.....	.....	Fair	Good	Yes	200.00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove.....	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	22	50.00	.....	Feb. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
432	Manover	Manover.....	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	22	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
436	Burns	Hepworth.....	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	14	22	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the year ending June 24th, 1908.

It is not always an easy matter, and frequently not altogether agreeable to all parties interested, to make any deviation from a usual method. The method generally followed in reporting is to make individual reports on the various lodges, but as this causes much repetition I have decided to give a general sketch, and I hope it may meet with your approval and the approval of the district as well.

During the year I visited all the lodges, and on every occasion I was accompanied by my District Secretary, Wor. Bro. George Muller, of Springfield Lodge, No. 259. Besides the companionship of Wor. Bro. Muller the P.D.D.G.M.'s and other Past Grand Lodge officers of the district, with one or two exceptions, were present at their respective lodges on the occasion of my visit, and I found them still active and interested in the work.

The masters are a fine lot of fellows. They have their work well up, except in a few cases, and are well supported by efficient wardens and officers. Kindness and courtesy, ability and willingness seem to characterize the majority. Too much praise cannot be given the various secretaries, as in nearly every instance the right man is in the right place, and Wilson District is blessed with many of them in this position.

The work done is generally good. The majority of the lodges are doing it in an almost faultless manner. Uniformity in this particular I noted, and at the time of my visit mentioned any lack in this respect to the proper officers. There were only a few lodges that had

no work on when I visited, but these, generally speaking, performed the opening and closing exercises in very good style.

The class of men seeking the fold is excellent; men of bright intellect and good influence. The candidates for advancement, with one or two exceptions, showed thorough drilling in the previous work, and appreciation of the truths revealed.

The rooms occupied by the various lodges throughout the district are neat and clean, and contain all the necessary paraphernalia. Many of the lodges own their buildings, having the lower part rented.

Financially, this is not a poor district, as most of the lodges have nice bank account, besides, as I have intimated, they own their buildings and have nice appointments.

Charity, the foundation stone of Masonry, is, notwithstanding the good financial condition, not as well looked after in many instances as it might possibly be. This fact I tried to impress upon the members of those lodges where I noted more might be done, and I hope it sank deeply into their hearts. In this connection it affords me much pleasure to report a not only present, but future interest, in the Semi-Centennial Fund. My worthy District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Geo. Muller, played a good part in this, and succeeded, I believe, in awakening many of the lodges to a sense of duty.

On the whole, I believe that Masonry in this district was never in a more flourishing condition, and for this, credit is due, not to me, but to my predecessors—men of sterling worth, who applied themselves to the work with their whole souls.

In conclusion, I must express the extreme pleasure it afforded me to visit the various lodges, and my sincerest thanks are due to those who not only placed me in this position but who also received me with open arms. If I have been of any service to the craft during the past year I am pleased, and it will please me still more if I can do anything for the brethren on any future occasion.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. STEWART, D.D.G.M.
Wilson District, No. 6

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of All Members	Decrease during year	E. A.	E. C.	M. M.	Admissions	Restorations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Unexcused.	Meeting held	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Grand W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
10	Norfolk.	Simcoe	135 14	7	10	13	7	1	1	1	1	1	4	10	26	35	125 00	June 3, '08	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 400 00
37	King's Hiram	Windsor	120 13	7	10	13	7	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 30, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
43	King Solomon	Windsor	62 15	5	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 30, '07	Good	Good	Yes	470 00
64	St. John's	Windsor	9 7	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
76	Osford	Windsor	194 24	620	23	17	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	14	25	32	125 00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
78	King Hiram	Tilburg	161	5	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
82	St. John's	Paris	66 10	5	8	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	96 10	10	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
106	Burford	Norwich	80 5	4	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	35	5	6	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	120 5	6	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
140	Erie	Port Dover	68 6	3	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 23, '08	Excellent	Y. Bright	Yes	250 00
174	Walsingham	Port Homan	43 3	1	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
176	Pittsville	Pittsville	36	10	8	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 1, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	91 10	7	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 1, '08	Excellent	Good	Yes	300 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	67	4	3	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	86	4	3	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 24, '07	Excellent	Good	Yes	500 00
230	Thistle	Embro	24 6	7	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	...
230	Springfield	Springfield	30 5	7	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	...
251	Oak Branch	Lennox	3 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	...
330	Victoria	Victoria	52 4	4	4	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	3	14	25	32	125 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Wellington District, No. 7, for the past year.

I desire to express my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this responsible office. I entered upon my duties with many misgivings, but thanks to the cordial support everywhere accorded, and the assistance rendered me by my predecessors and other distinguished brethren, my term of office has not been wanting in success.

I desire also to thank the brethren for the cordial fraternal spirit in which I was always received and the generous hospitality everywhere extended to me. I visited each of the twenty-one lodges of the district at least once, and some of them oftener, and in every instance was received with marked cordiality and great kindness; not, of course, as being particularly due to me personally, but as bespeaking the loyalty of the brethren to Grand Lodge and their devotion to the craft.

Every lodge in the district, besides defraying my expenses, entertained me hospitably after the meeting at the refreshment table, many of them giving sumptuous banquets in my honor. To them all I return my sincere thanks for their great kindness. And having made this general acknowledgment, I shall not further refer to the hospitality extended by the several lodges when reporting my visits in detail.

The condition of Masonry throughout the district as a whole is healthy and prosperous. Most of the lodges report substantial gains in membership. Their financial affairs are generally satisfactory. Their books and records are well kept. Greater care is being exercised than formerly in scrutinizing the character of appli-

cants for admission. Harmony prevails generally, and the brethren evince an ever increasing knowledge and appreciation of the true spirit of masonry, as well as greater readiness to apply its principles practically in everyday life. While some lodges are naturally stronger and more prosperous than others, there is none in the district which has not bright and encouraging prospects if the brethren remain true to themselves and the craft. The officers of the lodges, as a rule, are well posted in their duties, and the masters, with few exceptions, are well skilled and well fitted to be rulers of the craft. In a few cases, however, I did not find that thorough acquaintance with the constitution which is desirable, and in some instances the support accorded to the master by the wardens and assistant officers was not all that it ought to be. Brethren in the junior offices often do not seem to realize the invaluable services which they can render the lodge by thoroughly mastering their duties, however trifling they may appear, and always being in their places ready to perform them punctually at the hour of opening.

In many lodges a custom has grown up of promoting the assistant officers and wardens in regular order at each election, until the brother who commenced at the door as inner guard is placed in the east. This custom, if pursued with judgment, may have some advantages, but lodges which follow it should remember that all preferment among Masons is grounded on real worth and personal merit only, and that only those brethren who have shown themselves faithful and capable in the humbler positions should be promoted to the more exalted. No brother should be promoted as a matter of course. Nor should any brother be elected to the chair of the lodge who has been either a failure or only a partial success as warden.

The custom of having refreshments at the close of the evening's work is, I believe, an excellent one, which makes for the harmony and prosperity of the lodge, and I have been pleased to find it generally prevailing. But I would like to caution the lodges against going to extremes in this respect, and expending on elaborate entertainments the money which might more profitably be employed in contributing to such objects as the Semi-Centennial Fund or to the direct relief of distress or mis-

fortune. By all means have refreshments whenever necessary, but let us remember that Masonry stands not only for moderation and sound judgment in all things, but also for the practice of benevolence and charity.

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre, of Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley, as District Secretary, the duties of which office he discharged with fidelity and zeal. I am much indebted to him for valuable aid rendered during the year.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

I issued three official circulars during the year. The first on August 31st, 1907, calling attention, among other things, to the requirements of the constitution as to notices and returns and the position and needs of the Semi-Centennial Fund. The second on November 18th, 1907, and May 30th, 1908, to lodges about to elect and install officers, reminding them of the election and duties of Examining Boards and Auditors, as well as the necessity for semi-annual returns; and the third on March 31st, 1908, with reference to a lodge of instruction at Mount Forest.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At the request and by the authority of the M.W. the Grand Master, who was unfortunately unable to attend personally, I acted for him at an especial communication of Grand Lodge held at Durham on August 16th, 1907, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Egremont. The ceremony proved an interesting one, and was performed in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the surrounding district. The brethren of Durham had made very complete and satisfactory arrangements, which were carried out without mishap.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

On the invitation of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, I held a lodge of instruction for the district at Mount Forest on April 16th, 1908. There was a representative attendance of the brethren, and some very profitable work was done. The first degree was exemplified by Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur; the second by Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford, and the third by St.

Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest. The work was all very creditably done that of the second degree being particularly faultless. Ample time was afforded for discussion, and many interesting points were dealt with, to the advantage, I think, of all who were present. R.W. Bros. R. Mahoney, Guelph; J. J. Craig, Fergus, and J. B. Nixon, Toronto, contributed greatly to the profit and pleasure of the occasion. R.W. Bro. Nixon delivered an interesting address on the Semi-Centennial Fund, which I trust will bear fruit. R.W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, D.D.G.M., of Toronto East District, No. 11a, was also present, and gave me valuable assistance.

The brethren of Mount Forest received us most hospitably, and I have pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness to them, as well as to the other lodges taking part in the work, for the services so cheerfully rendered.

BY-LAWS.

I forwarded to the M.W. the Grand Master the by-laws of Ayr Lodge, No. 172, for his approval.

APPLICATION FOR NEW LODGE.

I received an application for a new dispensation for a new lodge from seven brothers at Dromore, recommended by Durham Lodge, No. 306, the nearest lodge, which, after investigation, I duly forwarded to the M.W. the Grand Master with my recommendation. But, to my regret, he was unable to see his way to grant the same.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that during the year a number of our brethren have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above, of whom the following have been reported to me: R.W. Bro. Edward Burns, P.D.D.G.M., of the district, and a member of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, in which he had for many years served as secretary, died December 17th, 1907. R.W. Bro. John McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., of the district, and a member of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, and of Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, died May 1st, 1908. W. Bro. Joseph Clarke, Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, died May 1st, 1908. Bro. Norman Kelsey, Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham, died October 26th, 1907. Bro. Peter Thom, Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin, died October 30th, 1907. Bro.

John Peat, Progress Lodge, No. 873, Glasgow, Scotland, died in Ontario, and was buried by Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, January 28th, 1908. Bro. Christopher Kress, Preston Lodge, No. 207, Preston, died in April, 1908. Bro. Robert McPhail, Speed Lodge, No. 180 Guelph, was killed in a railway accident, May 15th, 1908.

VISITS.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I commenced my official visits with Guelph Lodge on October 8th, 1907. The W.M., W. Bro. George Hastings, presided and initiated two candidates in a very satisfactory manner. The other officers also did their work well. The books are well kept, and the lodge is prosperous and harmonious, with excellent prospects for the future. R.W. Bro. R. Mahoney is a veteran member of this lodge, who never loses his interest in its welfare. I had the good fortune to be accompanied by my immediate predecessors, R.W. Bros. John Jardine, of Hespeler, and W. G. Stephenson, of Guelph, both of whom contributed to the success of the meeting, and there were present also a number of other visiting brethren. Guelph Lodge has paid its full contribution to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I visited this lodge on October 16th, 1907. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. H. Jardine and his officers in a very efficient manner. The proper Masonic spirit appears to prevail among the brethren of Hespeler, and the lodge as a whole is one of the best in the district. R.W. Bros. John Jardine and R. J. Lockhart are no doubt a source of strength. A pleasant incident of the meeting was the presentation to R. W. Bro. John Jardine, who is the secretary of the lodge, of a handsome set of regalia, in recognition of his services as D.D.G.M. last year. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodges of the district, by R.W. Bros. J. W. Porteous, of Galt, and D. Forsyth, of Berlin, and R.W. Bro. Jardine replied in a few well-chosen words. I was pleased to meet also on this occasion R.W. Bros. D. B. Miller, of Preston, and Wm. Cowan, of Galt, as well as a number of other brethren from Galt, Preston, and Berlin.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited Conestoga Lodge on November 5th, 1907, accompanied by W. Bros. Geo. Hudson, I. Green, and R. T. Tinda'e, of Arthur. W. Bro. Wm. Noecker, W.M., presided and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The candidates expected for the second and third degrees did not attend, and no other work was done. The attendance was small, and there appeared to some lack of enthusiasm on the part of the members and want of practice on the part of the officers. The lodge, however, is harmonious with good prospects, and I trust will rapidly recover its old enthusiasm and efficiency. It has paid more than half its quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and will, I am confident, make up the balance.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited Wellington Lodge on November 13th, 1907, accompanied by W. Bro. J. E. Smith and a number of the brethren of Harris Lodge, Orangeville. W. Bro. T. R. Akins initiated a candidate in a manner which evinced his thorough knowledge of the work, although the support given him by some of his officers was not quite as good as I have known in Wellington Lodge. Any shortcoming in this respect, I think, was due to lack of practice, the officers not having had much work since installation, and has doubtless been fully corrected during the winter. The lodge is an excellent one, with good prospects and a good field. I was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. Wm. Conboy and a number of other faithful past masters of old acquaintance.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this lodge on Nov. 15th, 1907. There was a very fair attendance of members. W. Bro. John Hogarth, W.M., in the chair. The work of the second degree was exemplified by the W.M. and his officers very satisfactorily. St. Alban's is a good lodge, and although its membership is not increasing rapidly, the material is of the best, and its prospects are excellent.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited Clifford Lodge on December 16th, 1907. W. Bro. George Harrison, the W.M., presided and initiated a candidate in an impressive manner. I have, in fact, seldom seen work better done, while the support of the officers throughout was excellent. The lodge is not as strong in numbers

as many in the district, but the right Masonic spirit appears to prevail, and the members are of the right sort. A handsome new lodge room, which the brethren have recently taken, adds greatly to their comfort.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on December 20th, 1907. There was a very fair attendance of members, although an air of deep sadness pervaded the meeting owing to the fact that but the day before the brethren had followed to the grave all that was mortal of their best beloved and most trusted member, R.W. Bro. Edward Burns. W. Bro. W. Robertson makes an excellent Master, and is well skilled. One brother was raised to the sublime degree, and the work throughout was very creditably done. The lodge has been heavily afflicted by the grim reaper during the year, having lost, besides R.W. Bro. Burns, R.W. Bro. John McDonald and W. Bro. Joseph Clarke; but I am sure the brethren, while cherishing the memory of the distinguished craftsmen who have departed, will rise superior to their loss and maintain the traditional high standing of their lodge. Irvine is a good lodge, with harmony prevailing and bright prospects.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited Alma Lodge on the occasion of their annual Past Masters' night, December 31st, 1907. There was a large attendance of members. W. Bro. J. S. Wardlaw presided, and the chairs were all filled by past masters. The second degree was worked in a most creditable manner, and while I did not have the pleasure of seeing the work of W. Bro. Secord and his officers, I am satisfied, from the high standard set by the past masters and the general prosperity which the lodge enjoys, that it leaves nothing to be desired. R.W. Bro. Oliver makes an efficient secretary, while R.W. Bro. Porteous still takes the same active interest in the work which has always characterized him. I was much pleased to meet also R.W. Bros. D. B. Miller, of Preston, and Wm. Cowan, of Galt Lodge. Alma is a splendid lodge, with the brightest prospects. Active steps are being taken to complete its share of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: I visited Preston Lodge on February 3rd, 1908, at an emergency meeting, which the W.M. was kind enough to call for the purpose of receiving me. There was a good attendance of mem-

bers, notwithstanding severe weather and some other meetings in town. I was sorry to find that the W.M., W. Bro. C. H. Belt, was absent through illness. W. Bro. Geo. A. Roos acted for him, and, with the assistance of the officers present, exemplified the work of the third degree in an excellent manner, the support of the wardens and deacons being particularly good. R.W. Bro. D. B. Miller, whom I was pleased to meet again in his own lodge, assured me that W. Bro. Belt was well skilled, and from the prosperity of the lodge and the work of the other officers I am sure this is the case. R.W. Bro. Miller himself has been a source of strength to the craft, both in Preston and the surrounding district. His removal to Elora, which has since occurred, will leave a place hard to fill. Preston is a good lodge, with a new and well-equipped lodge room and splendid prospects. It has overpaid its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge on February 4th, 1908, when there was an excellent attendance of members. W. Bro. James H. Cowan, the W.M., was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to his not yet fully recovered from a severe illness.. Some of the assistant officers were also absent through illness. W. Bro. Robert Mitchell presided in the east, and initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. I was assured that the W.M. was thoroughly familiar with the duties of his office and makes an excellent presiding officer. I was pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. Wm. Cowan, who is a member of Galt Lodge, and to whom no doubt much of its prosperity is due; also R.W. Bro. Miller, of Preston, and a number of other visiting brethren. Galt Lodge has paid its share of the Semi-Centennial Fund in full.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I visited Durham Lodge on February 11th, 1908, and was very cordially received by the brethren. The Master, W. Bro. James Ireland, was in the east, and makes an excellent presiding officer. The first and second degrees were worked in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge is one of the more isolated lodges of the district, but, notwithstanding, is prosperous and harmonious, and is utilizing only the best material. Its prospects are excellent.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph I visited this lodge on March 3rd, 1908. The W.M. W. Bro. John H.

Stevenson, presided and showed himself well qualified for the position. The work of the evening was that of the first degree, which was done very satisfactorily, the support of the wardens and assistant officers being excellent. R.W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson, at the secretary's desk, is the right man in the right place. The lodge is harmonious and prosperous. I was pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. R. Mahoney and a number of brethren of Guelph and Waverley Lodges.

Mercer Lodge, No 347, Fergus:, I visited Mercer Lodge on March 6th, 1908. There was a very fair attendance of members. The Master, W. Bro. W. A. Ross, presided, and conferred the sublime degree on a candidate very skilfully. The work of the officers generally was good, and showed careful and diligent training. I was glad to learn that active steps were being taken to complete the Semi-Centennial Fund. Mercer is prosperous, and has bright prospects. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. George Tait, Toronto.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on March 9th. W. Bro. N. T. Morrell was in the east, and initiated a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. There was a good attendance, and the members appear to take an active interest in the work. Harriston is an excellent and prosperous lodge, with a bright future. A number of visitors were present from Clifford, Guelph and other places, among whom I was pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. Mahoney.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited Grand River Lodge on March 10th, 1908, when there was a large attendance of members. W. Bro. Charles H. Boehn presided, and exemplified the work of the second degree very efficiently. Grand River Lodge is the strongest in numbers in the district, and is enjoying marked prosperity. Their beautiful and well-equipped lodge room is justly a source of pride to the brethren. Unusual care is exercised in the selection of members. harmony prevails, and prospects are of the brightest. The completion of their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund is the only step in advance which I could suggest to the brethren. I was pleased again to meet R.W. Bro. Miller, of Preston.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited my own lodge officially on March 16th, 1908. There was a large

attendance of brethren, among whom was V.W. Bro. G. H. Cooper, of Toronto, one of the charter members of the lodge. The W.M. W. Bro. Stewart Tate, presided, and exemplified the second degree very creditably. He has an excellent staff of young officers, who only need instruction and practice to do faultless work. Scott Lodge, although the youngest in the district, is strong and prosperous. W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre makes an ideal secretary, and his books are as nearly perfect as they can be. The Semi-Centennial Fund is nearly paid up, and I was assured that it would be completed this year. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. White and a number of brethren of Lorne Lodge, Shelburne, in Georgian District.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited Prince Arthur Lodge on March 17th, 1908. W. Bro. T. Rafter, Jr., W.M., was in the chair, and there was a very fair attendance of members. There being no regular work on, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and, at my request, part of the work of the third degree was exemplified by the W.M. and his officers. The work was very well done, but stronger support from the wardens and assistant officers generally would improve it. Prince Arthur is an excellent lodge, with bright prospects. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Tate and McClelland, of Grand Valley, and there were a number of other visitors from Grand Valley, Drayton, and other points.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge on April 14th, 1908. W. Bro. Robert Meek presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The work of the evening, that of the first degree, was done in an impressive and very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Meek makes an excellent master, and is supported by an excellent staff of officers. R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, was present and gave a short address on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund, which elicited a generous response. He later delivered an interesting lecture on Masonic Symbolism. This is one of the strongest and most prosperous lodges in the district. R.W. Bro. Robert Irvine, whom I was pleased to see present, is one of its most active members.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited Waverley Lodge on May 11th, 1908, at an emergent meeting.

specially called by the W.M. for the purpose of receiving me. W. Bro. R. S. Cull was in the east, where he proved himself well qualified for the position, and there was a large attendance of brethren. The first degree was worked very efficiently, the support of the wardens and assistant officers being particularly good. I was informed that every officer was in his place punctually at the hour of opening. This is a great source of strength to the W.M. and the lodge. The Semi-Centennial Fund is paid up in full. Waverley is a splendid lodge, with very bright prospects. I was pleased to meet on this occasion R.W. Bros. Savage and Stephenson, as well as the masters and a number of brethren of the other Guelph' lodges.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I visited this lodge on May 12th, 1908, accompanied by R.W. Bros. John Jardine, of Hespeler, and Wm. Cowan and J. W. Porteous, of Galt. The Master, W. Bro. James W. Henderson, presided, and conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. A little more active interest and practice on the part of the other officers would, I think, be an improvement, but, on the whole, the work was very fair. The lodge is small numerically, but it is harmonious, and has a number of excellent Masons, as well as a beautiful little lodge room, and is doing good work in an unobtrusive way. I was pleased to meet on this occasion, in addition to the distinguished brethren with me, R.W. Bro. James Smiley, of Paris, in the adjoining district.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I completed my official visits with Blair Lodge on May 22nd, 1908. The attendance was small, and a number of the officers were absent, but I was informed that most of them were railway men who were out on duty. W. Bro. P. J. Faskin, W.M., conferred the second degree in a manner very creditable to himself but the support given him by his officers was not as good as it might have been. The assistant officers seemed to lack interest, and showed want of practice. There were no past masters present. I was sorry to learn that R. W. Bro. Hyndman and the Secretary, Bro. H. McEwing, were both absent through illness. Blair Lodge has a number of good Masons, and ought to be one of the best in the district. I trust that the lack of interest which I noticed is but temporary

and will be remedied next year. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Fisher, McLellan, and Glenney, of Harriston, and was pleased to meet also W. Bros. Gordon and Scarr and others from Drayton. '†

In conclusion, I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to many distinguished brethren, particularly my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. John Jardine, of Hespeler, for much valued counsel and assistance rendered me during the year, and to the brethren of the district generally for the uniform kindness received at their hands, which has made my year of office one of the most pleasant of my life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. A. V. PRESTON, D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of the 8th Masonic District during the past year. All the lodges in the district were visited by me officially. The condition of Masonry in this district is, on the whole, most satisfactory. There have been no matters of contention, and the fraternal relations between the lodges and their members are most happy. There exists throughout the utmost harmony, and apparently the only rivalry is in good works. A satisfactory increase in the number of members is noted. The subscriptions to the Semi-Centennial Ben. Fund have added materially to it. The following lodges have paid their S.C.B. F. assessments in full: The Barton, No. 6; Street Observance, No. 27; St. John's, No. 40; Acacia, No. 61, Doric, No. 382; all of Hamilton.

Some have exceeded the amount apportioned to them. Nowhere throughout the district have I found an opponent of this fund. On several instances a difficulty has arisen in respect to members holding dual membership, and in other instances in respect to non-resident members. I have impressed upon the lodges the necessity of paying their assessment in full, and have held that dual membership entails dual obligations. Practically, however, I have been told that it is difficult, and often impossible to collect subscriptions from this class of members, and especially from those who have moved away, often to a great distance.

Generally, there is an improvement in the payment of lodge dues. The amount in arrears is lessened, and but few have been suspended from N. P. D.

Most of the lodges attend divine worship in a body at least once a year. In a few instances this laudable func-

tion has not been observed of late, but all have undertaken to carry it out in future.

In the majority of the lodges the regular attendance and active co-operation of the Past Masters is noticeable, and these are invariably the most aggressive and successful lodges. I have maintained that the Past Masters are the backbone of Masonry, and those lodges that are not supported by their P.M.'s are liable to fall back and languish. Every lodge should make an especial effort to retain the active sympathy and assistance of the P.M.'s. It is a grave mistake for a W.M. to monopolize all the working of degrees. Attendance soon falls off, and the interest of the members cannot be retained.

The social side of Masonry is liable to be somewhat neglected in the country lodges. I do not refer altogether to the serving of refreshments after labor, but to those social functions which might do so much to brighten the lives and widen the views of the members. By the proper use of all the advantages obtainable in a Masonic Lodge, Masons in every locality should have the opportunity of leading in every good work, and of being the centre of every movement for the advancement of the community. Let us live up to our privileges.

I have to report the deaths of the following brethren: The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Bro. Robert Griffith, Bro. C. W. Meakins, Bro. F. B. Vallance; Strict Observance, No. 27, Bros. Wm. Stewart, J. W. Sinclair, E. A. Dalley; St. John's, No. 40, Bros. John McKay, T. W. Forwood, M. Howles; Brant, No. 45, Bros. J. H. Cocker, S. Tomlinson; Harmony, No. 57, W. Bro. David Greenhill, Bro. Geo. Mitchell; Acacia, No. 61, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Bros. John Smith, B. Edwards, John Gompf, Sam McGill; St. Andrew's, No. 62, Bro. John Ryan; Doric, No. 121, Bros. Thos. H. Spence, W. H. Alford, G. P. Taylor; St. Clair, No. 135, Bro. David Wheelihan; Burlington, No. 165, W. Bro. J. W. Upper; Wentworth, No. 166, W. Bro. F. M. Carpenter; Seymour, No. 272, Bro. S. A. M. Culp, V.W. Bro. Wm. Dewar; Walker, No. 321 Bro. Robert Agnew; Temple, No. 324, Bro. F. E. Walker, W. Bro. Roland Hills, Bro. E. O. Shaver, Bro. John Cape; Doric, No. 382, Bros. A. W. Haynes and S. H. Graham.

The death of the late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro.

Hugh Murray, was a shock, not only to the community where he lived and was loved and appreciated, but throughout the Masonic fraternity. His funeral was attended by an extremely large number of distinguished brethren. Bro. Murray's activities had covered the whole range of Masonic work. Holding every office in Craft Masonry, from the humblest in his mother lodge to the highest in the gift of the fraternity, he had maintained that activity to the close of his life. At the annual meeting of Acacia Lodge, No. 61, on December 21st, 1907, an eloquent and appreciative address was delivered in memoriam by W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., which was afterwards printed and distributed among the brethren.

W. Bro. Logan was appointed District Secretary.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook : My first official visit was to Harmony Lodge, on October 16th, 1907, accompanied by the District Secretary and several other brethren. The lodge opened at a late hour, which I afterwards found was characteristic of country lodges. There was an attendance of 20 members. At the request of the Grand Master I invested V.W. Bro. J. F. Senn, Grand Steward, with the regalia of his office. Bro. Senn has been a mainstay of Harmony Lodge for many years, and occupied the chair three times. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the second degree exemplified on a volunteer candidate. This lodge has 39 members, an increase of four in the year. The lodge is in a good position, and I understand there has been marked improvement in the work since my visit. There are no members in arrears. The lodge owns its own building, and has no debts. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. McIlwraith, is a tower of strength to the lodge, and the books are kept in a most admirable manner. The D.D.G.M. and visitors were entertained by the members with lavish hospitality.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek : On October 21st, 1907, accompanied by a large number of brethren from Hamilton, I visited this lodge. The W. M., Col. Ptolemy, and officers worked the first degree in good style, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers are well up in their work, and do themselves and the lodge credit. The lodge room is well furnished, of sufficient size, and provided

with suitable ante-rooms. There has been an increase of four in membership, and the outlook for the future is bright. The financial position is good, fees fairly well paid up, and the books are kept in an excellent manner. The lodge has been somewhat backward in promoting the S.C.B. fund. An enjoyable banquet closed this very pleasant visit.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Date of visit November 12th, 1907. A number of distinguished brethren accompanied me from Hamilton. There was a large attendance of members. The W.M., F. J. Colbeck, worked the first degree in a very enjoyable manner. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by the lodge through the D.D.G.M., of a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. Heath, the I. P. M. This lodge is in a flourishing condition. There has been an increase of nine in membership. The funds are not as large as they should be, and the S.C.B. Fund is behind, but the lodge intends to straighten this up. A large number of applications for membership (10) were received this evening. The officers and members show commendable enthusiasm in the prospects of this excellent lodge for the future. A largely attended and interesting banquet, with songs and speeches, closed the evening.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: November 19th, 1907, was a beautiful night for the drive to Ancaster, accompanied, as usual, by a number of distinguished brethren. There was a very large attendance of members, and the W.M. (W. Bro. Fortune) worked the second degree in a very creditable manner. During the evening two old past masters, W. Bro. Middleton and V.W. Bro. Stewart (secretary) were presented with past master's jewels. These brethren had taken hold of the lodge when its affairs were in rather desperate shape, and had turned the tide toward prosperity. The books are well kept. The dues fairly well paid up. The lodge owns its building, which is kept properly insured. The lodge room is rather small for the increase in membership. A sumptuous banquet followed the closing of the lodge. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were duly impressed upon the members, and assurances of attention to it were made. This lodge sets apart a day in September to decorate the graves of departed brethren.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: The official visit was made on December 10th, 1907, being the annual

meeting of the lodge. At the request of the W.M., W. Bro. Burkholder, the D.D.G.M. conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year. The district secretary presented a very favorable report on the standing of the lodge. There is a large membership and a large average attendance. All the officers do their work in a satisfactory manner, and the prospects of the lodge are bright. An enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet room, and, as usual, where the claims of the S. C. B. Fund had been overlooked, the D.D.G.M. impressed the advisability of this strong lodge showing a good example. It will be paid in full.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: The annual meeting was held on December 13th, 1907, and at request of the W.M. the D.D.G.M. conducted the election of officers, which resulted harmoniously and unanimously. The lodge was in mourning for M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and out of respect to his memory the usual banquet was omitted. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, and is in good financial position. The lodge has paid its entire assessment to the S. C. B. Fund, and in every way is flourishing. The increase of membership during the year was 17. On this occasion there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, and a most eloquent and impressive eulogy on the late W.M. Bro. Hugh Murray was delivered by W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C. A number of distinguished brethren also spoke on the same subject.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: The official visit was paid on December 18th, 1908, the occasion of the annual meeting and election of officers. At the request of the W.M. the election was conducted by the D.D.G.M. There was a large attendance of friends and visitors. The work in this lodge is carried out carefully and smartly, and the ancient landmarks carefully observed. The lodge room is comfortable and tastefully furnished. The building is owned by a Masonic Joint Stock Company, the lodge owning a number of the shares. The lodge is flourishing, and its affairs are carefully looked after. Only three members in arrears amounting to \$15, all good. The officers elect are a likely lot, and no doubt continued prosperity awaits Burlington Lodge. The S. C. B. Fund is behind, but another effort will be made. After the lodge closed

refreshments were served in the lodge room, and the Hamilton party then returned in special car, well pleased with their visit.

St. John's, No. 40, Hamilton: December 14th, 1907. This was the annual meeting, and the election of officers was conducted by the D.D.G.M. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, notwithstanding the absence of all festivities and of the usual banquet omitted out of respect to the memory of M. W. Bro. Murray. This lodge has the largest membership in the district, and is very strong financially. The membership continues to increase rapidly.

Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: December 20th, 1907. This occasion was also the annual meeting and election of officers. This lodge is very strong numerically, and distinguished by the *esprit du corps* of its members and attention to the details in the work. Financially the lodge is strong, and there are no outstanding dues. The S. C. B. Fund assessment has been overpaid. Owing to the death of M. W. Bro. Murray no banquet was held, but a large number remained for social conversation and mutual felicitations after the lodge closed. An interesting feature of this meeting was the investiture of the grand secretary pro. tem by the D.D.G.M., at the request of the G. M. Many congratulations and expressions of goodwill were made to R. W. Bro. Gunn by the fellow members of his mother lodge and others.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475: Dec. 21st, 1907. The first election of officers of this, the youngest lodge in the district, was conducted by the D.D.G.M. All the officers were elected by ballot—though practically unanimous—according to the rather unusual by-law of the lodge. Dundurn started about two years ago with 16 members, and has now 80. There was at this meeting 40 members—a large percentage—and visitors. The usual banquet was omitted from respect to the memory of M. W. Bro. Murray. The prosperity and increasing membership of this ambitious lodge shows that there was plenty of room for it. Its prospects are very bright.

St. George, No. 243: December 27th, 1907. I had the honor of being accompanied on my official visit by M. W. the Grand Master in, a private capacity as a member of the lodge, and a number of brethren from Ham-

ilton. This was the occasion of the installation of officers, and the ceremony was conducted by M.W. Bro. Freed. Though the weather was inclement there was a large turnout of members. The lodge is prospering; a large number of past masters taking an evident interest in its affairs. Too many members are in arrears. Twenty dollars has been collected on account of the S. C. B. Fund. M.W. Bro. Freed made a strong appeal, and \$48 additional was subscribed on the spot. The new officers are well qualified, and know their work. The brethren were urged to attend church in a body, and to encourage the social features of Masonry. The prospects of St. George Lodge are bright.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: January 14th, 1908, I drove out with several brethren on this beautiful winter evening. The lodge has no provision for the horses and rigs of members, but the neighbors very kindly give them shelter. There was a large turnout of members, many of whom drove a long distance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees creditably. An enjoyable program of songs and speeches followed refreshments. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were urged by the D.D.G.M., by R.W. Bro. Dr. McGregor, and Rev. Bro. Anthony. The members are alive to the needs of the fund, and promised that the whole assessment would be collected. This lodge has a 99 year lease of a substantial building. The lodge room upstairs is rather cramped, but downstairs there is a large commodious room, used for banquets, concerts, etc. The building is insured for a small amount. Masonic interest seems keen.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: February 11th, 1908. Several brethren accompanied me on the Radial on my official visit. We returned by the late Grand Trunk train. There was a large attendance of members, and the work of the first degree was well done. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished, and has suitable facilities. Afterwards, a banquet was served in the lodge room, and speeches, dwelling especially upon the claims of the S. C. B. Fund, were made by the D.D.G.M. and others. The balance due by this lodge will be paid forthwith. There is a good deal of interest taken in Masonry in Oakville. The affairs of the lodge are prosperous, and practically all dues are paid up. The

Royal Arch chapter meets in the blue room.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: February 21st, 1908. The large lodge room was crowded with members and visitors from Hamilton, Paris and other points. The work consisted of the examination of candidates in the work of the three degrees, and the delivery of the lectures and charges. The candidates were surprisingly well posted, and were letter perfect in the obligations, as well as in the answers to the questions. The lectures were illustrated, and the entire work was worthy of the highest commendation. A most enjoyable banquet followed. Doric is flourishing, and the membership is rapidly increasing. The past masters, among whom R.W. Bro. Liddell is prominent, take an active interest in lodge work. The deputation returned to Hamilton well satisfied with their visit to this fine lodge.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: March 11th, 1908. Although the roads were in a bad shape, there was a large attendance of members and visitors; one of the largest meetings in years. A candidate was initiated in good form. V.W. Bro. Olds, an old past master and a prominent Masonic figure in Caledonia, was made an honorary member in recognition of his long services. The W.M. is energetic and enthusiastic, and Masonry is looking up in Caledonia. For some years past Masonic interests have not advanced here, and Masonry has not held the prominent position it should in the community. There is prospect of better things, and there is no reason why St. Andrew's should not become one of the most prominent lodges in the district. After lodge closed refreshments were served in an adjoining room. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were urged and admitted, and promise of the lodge paying its assessment in full was made. The W.M. and officers contemplate cultivating the social side of Masonry to a greater extent, and to revive the custom of church attendance. I have great hopes of St. Andrew's.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: March 16th, 1908. This lodge meets in a small but comfortable room, which has been its home for a generation. It has an abominable approach. There was a large attendance of members, and the first degree was worked. There is a fine body of officers, and the manner in which the work was done gave evidence of care and practice. The member-

ship roll is 56, but of these 26 are non-residents, so that practically there are only 30 in active connection. Good material seems scarce, and the lodge wisely limits its candidates to quality. Notwithstanding the numerical weakness, it is in good financial condition, and full of pluck and ginger. Some day there will be a massive hall here, and there will be doings. After lodge closed a capital banquet was served at the very comfortable hotel opposite the lodge room. The S. C. B. Fund assessment will be paid in full by the active members, but the absentees cannot be depended upon to contribute. This is a really fine little lodge.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: April 7th, 1908. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was worked satisfactorily. There is plenty of good material in this lodge; a body of past masters who continue to take an interest, and a fine lot of young men. The membership is not as large as it should be, but the prospects for the future are bright.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: April 16th, 1908. Accompanied by some Hamilton brethren and visitors from Georgetown and other places. The lodge room is comfortably and newly furnished. The first degree was worked in a good manner, and the ancient landmarks are carefully observed. The lodge is in good financial condition.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, May 11, 1908. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from Hamilton, Flamboro, and other parts. The membership is not increasing very rapidly. The officers know their work, and do it effectively. The lodge is sound financially. Many of the past masters seem to have lost interest, which is a misfortune to any lodge. I hope to see Valley Lodge become a greater centre of influence.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro: May 11th, 1908. This sturdy lodge meets in a small but comfortable room, with a banquet room attached. The approach to the lodge room is not creditable, but the heartiness of our reception and the hospitality of the brethren makes up for any deficiencies. The work of the first degree was exemplified before a large attendance of members, many having come from a long distance on this very inclement night. The lodge is thriving.

ing finely, is in good financial state, and will do its share towards the S. C. B. Fund.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: June 5th, 1908
At request of the W.M. I conducted the election of officers at this the annual meeting of old Barton. The spirit and energy of this fine lodge are well known. The past masters, as well as the members, are ever anxious to do their whole duty, and more, where the interests of the lodge are concerned. There has been a large increase of membership during the past year, and the finances are in good shape. With the very competent officers elected, and the good spirit that prevails, there need be no fear for the Barton Lodge during the coming year.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: June 15th, 1908.
This was also the annual meeting and election of officers. Doric Lodge continues to make good progress. Membership is increasing and the financial position is very strong. The steadying influence of experienced past masters is evident here as in the Barton Lodge. The annual meeting was most successful in every respect.

In closing my report, I have to thank the brethren not only for the honor of being elected by acclamation, but also for the unvarying courtesy and fraternal kindness and hospitality with which my visits have been received. The year has been a most pleasant one for me, and contrary, apparently, to the expectations of many, I lay down my office with regret. I do not think I ever had a happier year. My thanks are also due W. Bro. Logan, the District Secretary, for his careful attention to the duties of his office, and to the many brethren who accompanied me on my visits, and assisted so materially in making them enjoyable.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. S. GRIFFIN, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conferred.			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Total No. of all Mem.	Resignations.	Restorations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspended, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.		Regular.	Emergency.							Total.											
6	The Barton	Hamilton	301	30		16	19	10	6		4	12	4	16	41	65	\$28	5	216	75	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	\$300.00				
27	St. John's	Hamilton	387			9	11	11			4	12	4	16	41	65	\$28	5	216	75	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	Joint				
40	St. John's	Hamilton	440	12		20	21	24	3		5	12	7	53	112	21	\$62	13	198	00	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	Joint				
15	Brant	Hamilton	412	1		16	13	16	3		2	10	22	98	130	10	\$15	8	259	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	130.00				
57	Harmony	Hamilton	39	4		4	4	3			2	13	16	13	5	00			77	192	25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	900.00			
61	Acacia	Hamilton	362	17		9	9	11	7		4	13	6	19	49	90	00	77	192	25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Joint				
62	St. Andrew	Caledonia	63	6		0	3	3			1	11	15	15	18	00	4	33	00	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	200.00					
100	Valley	Dundas	131	3		8	7	2			1	10	14	26	38	00	35	160	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	600.00					
121	Doric	Brantford	388	26		26	21	24	3		3	12	25	53	371	90	\$5	188	75	Dec. 27, '07	Excellent	Yes	1000.00					
145	St. Clair	Milton	107	6		6	4	6	3		1	11	11	23	40	00	31	460	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	300.00					
165	Burlington	Burlington	103	9		9	8	10			1	13	14	24	25	00	13	460	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	300.00					
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	137	4		3	3	5	3		1	12	12	19	10	00	20	48	35	June 24, '07	Good	Yes	600.00					
219	Credit	Georgetown	80	7		6	5	8	4		1	14	17	18	10	00	21	198	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	600.00					
243	St. George	St. George	140	5		4	2	3	1		2	13	16	30	35	00	13	50	00	Dec. 27, '07	Bright	Yes	600.00					
272	Seymour	Ancaster	113	0		8	5	4			2	13	15	30	35	00	13	50	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	450.00					
321	Dufferin	WestFramboro	90	7		7	7	4			1	12	13	29	10	00	14	120	00	June 24, '08	Fair	Yes	200.00					
331	Walker	Acton	66	1		3	3	3			1	12	14	16	20	00	8	7	00	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	200.00					
334	Temple	Hamilton	343	7		17	10	10	5		5	13	16	40	75	00	27	97	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Joint					
337	Waverly	Millgrove	98	3		4	4	5			1	13	15	30	45	00	20	50	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	150.00					
363	Doric	Hamilton	368	10		18	20	24	3		4	13	21	63	112	98	37	219	75	June 24, '08	Excellent	Yes	100.00					
380	Oakville	Oakville	131	5		5	5	11	4		1	11	14	30	28	00	25	103	50	Feb. 10, '08	Good	Yes	400.00					
447	Dundurn	Hamilton	86	19		16	25	23	6		1	12	12	24	30	00	25	70	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Yes	400.00					

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, I desire, in the first place, to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for electing me to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master. Owing to the severe winter the task of visiting the lodges was a very arduous one, but it never ceased to be a pleasure.

Regarding the state of Masonry in Georgian District, I am glad to report that as a whole it is in a very satisfactory condition. In nearly all the lodges I have been impressed with the uniformity of work done, which, I think, bears ample testimony to the good and faithful work done by the D.D.G.M.'s who have preceded me in office, as well as the good judgment of the brethren of the various lodges in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers. The work, with few exceptions, has been correctly and impressively performed. There are 23 lodges in the district. I have visited every one at least once and desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the officers and members during my term of office. I am pleased to be able to report that the condition of Masonry in this district is exceedingly prosperous.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter to the lodges in the district and appointing Rev. Bro. W. T. Allison District Chaplain and Bro. W. A. Doner District Secretary, both of Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner.

In my official visits, where the Semi-Centennial Fund has not received the attention it should, I repeatedly urged upon the masters, officers and brethren the aims and objects of this fund to the best of my ability. My efforts, I believe, will be rewarded, and I do not think

that Georgian District, No. 9, will be outdone by any district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I wish to strongly repeat the recommendation of my predecessors that this district is too large, and requires too much time to be devoted by the D.D.G.M. I would urge that immediate action should be taken to divide or rearrange the district. If this cannot be done, I would recommend that the lodges hold their elections in May. As it is now, elections are held in December, and the D.D.G.M. cannot start on his visits until February or March, and that only leaves him about four months to make his official visits to 23 lodges. If all the lodges held their elections in May the D.D.G.M. would have the whole year to pay his visits.

On the 13th March, 1908, I received from Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor, for approval of the M.W., the Grand Master, an amendment to the by-laws, which were duly approved of and confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

The following deaths of brethren have been reported to me during the past year: Bro. Thos. Mathison, Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale; Bro. H. Dollery, Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie; W. Bro. Carson, W. Bro. Hare, W. Bro. Cleland, P.M.'s Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford; W. Bro. Van Dusen, Bro. Flesher, Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton; Bro. Webb, Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg; Wor. Bro. Warren, Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie; and W. Bro. McGraw, Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud.

I think it would be fitting for me here to make mention of the severe loss Grand Lodge sustained through the death of M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary. We have lost one of our boldest champions. He was a brother of sterling worth. Those of us who are in the habit of attending Grand Lodge will miss his genial presence, and his absence we will deeply mourn. May we ever cherish his memory in our hearts by trying to emulate his good example.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

Through the secretary of Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, the trustees of the Methodist Church invited the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new Methodist Church. I endorsed the request, and forwarded it

to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master granted the request, and on the 25th of May, 1908, opened a Grand Lodge meeting for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church in the town of Meaford, at which meeting I attended. The M.W. the Grand Master was present and performed the ceremony. There was a large attendance of the brethren from the surrounding lodges who assisted.

Calendonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland: This was my first official visit on November 18th, 1907. I was met and most hospitably entertained by W. Bro. George McLean, who devoted the afternoon of my arrival in driving me around to see the points of interest in Midland. They have a good sized lodge room and well furnished. A good attendance of members and also a number of visitors from Victoria Harbor, Penetang and Elmvale. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bro. Montgomery and W. Bro. Wardell. The reception given me was most cordial. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. The E. A. degree was conferred on a candidate in an excellent manner by W. Bro. McLean, W.M., ably supported by his officers. The J.W. gave his charge in good style. Bro. McTavish, the Secretary, gave the charge from the Book of Constitution in an impressive manner. The secretary's books are well kept. The banquet was served in a room adjoining the lodge, followed by a fine musical program, interspersed with some excellent speeches. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought to a close a very pleasant fraternal visit.

Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor: I visited this lodge on November 19th, 1907. I was met at the train by W. Bro. Wardell and Bro. Youngson. I received a very cordial welcome. The attendance at lodge was very large. A number of brethren from Midland, Coldwater, Waubaushene, and Elmvale were present and taxed the hall to its utmost. This hall is rather small for the membership, but at present the only one available. The secretary's books are neat and well kept, and the finances of the lodge in good shape. The last payment of the Semi-Centennial Fund will be made before this report reaches Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Wardell, W.M., opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and initiated a candidate in a very creditable

manner, well supported by his officers. The charge from the J.W. was excellently given. After the lodge room ceremony was over the brethren adjourned to the Orange Hall, and enjoyed a splendid banquet. I was pleased to meet at the fourth degree my old friend Rev. Mr. Wallace, Methodist Minister of that town, formerly of Stayner, also Rev. Mr. Burnett, Presbyterian Minister. The addresses from these gentlemen were of a high order. Singing of Auld Lang Syne ended a very pleasant evening.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: I made my visit to this lodge on the night of 20th of December, 1907. The attendance was large. Many visitors from Corinthian Lodge and Minerva Lodge. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bros. Beecroft and Rev. Dr. Witten, and welcomed most warmly by the W.M.V.W. Bro. Hallett. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. The work was an exemplification of the first degree, which was done by the W. Master, assisted by his efficient wardens and officers, in a very creditable manner. I was much pleased with the accurate and impressive rendering of the Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. Webb, J.W. The lodge finances are in good form; the dues are well kept in hand by W. Bro. Smith, who is a faithful secretary. This lodge has not done, as yet, what it should for the Semi-Centennial Fund. I explained the object of this worthy cause. The W.M. and brethren have promised to take the matter up, and will do something before the next meeting of Grand Lodge. After the work was completed I enjoyed a dainty little supper most thoroughly, after which came the customary toasts and some eloquent remarks from the brethren present.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, was visited on the 27th of January, 1908. This lodge, being one of the oldest in the district, it was expected that the work would be well done, and they fully sustained their reputation. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Broughton and W. B. Ogilvie, and received a cordial welcome from the W.M., W. Bro. Collier. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most impressive manner. The subordinate officers gave him perfect support in every detail. The J.W. charge was splendidly given, also the charge from the book of Con-

stitution by the S.W. The Secretary's books are well kept, and finances of the lodge in good shape. The lodge rooms are rather small for the membership, but they have started a sinking fund, and hope to have a lodge of their own in the near future. Nothing has been done by this lodge for the Semi-Centennial Fund. I regret to say that some of the members of this lodge have taken a strong stand in the past in opposition to this fund. I urged upon them the claims of this fund to their generosity and support. I do hope and trust that Simcoe Lodge, the oldest in this district, will yet come to view the matter in a different light. The honor and pleasure was assigned to me of presenting to W. Bro. Green and W. Bro. Evans, Past Masters' Jewels on behalf of the lodge.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg, was visited on the 13th of February, 1908. I was met at the train, it being about two hours late, by V.W. Bro. Dickinson, of Thornbury, and accompanied over to Clarksburg. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bros. Dr. Kent and Chas. Pye, and cordially received by W. Bro. Smith, W.M. I was very much taken by the appearance of this lodge. It is commodious and comfortable and well-fitted throughout. The walls are adorned with a number of pictures of Grand Lodge officers. W. Bro. Smith passed two candidates to the Fellowcraft degree most creditably, showing a perfect knowledge of the work, well assisted by his officers. V.W. Bro. Dickinson, the efficient secretary, is a guarantee that the books are well kept, and finances in good shape. After a nice supper a very pleasant social hour was spent, bringing to a close a pleasant, and I trust a profitable evening.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: I visited this lodge on February 14th. I was met at the depot by V.W. Bro. Clark, W. Bro. Jordan, W.M., and Bro. Geo. Hare, S.W., and escorted to the hotel, and was entertained by these brethren during the afternoon. I was introduced to the W.M. officers and brethren of the lodge by V.W. Bro. Clark and W. Bro. Sparling, and received a warm welcome. The attendance at the meeting was large, a good number of past masters being present, who took an active interest in the work. The work of the evening was the passing of three E.A.'s to

the Fellowcraft degree by the W.M., W. Bro. Jordan, assisted by V.W. Bro. Clark and W. Bro. Cornell. In a lodge so alive, united and enthusiastic it is needless to say that the work was well done in every respect. The sad news of the death on that day of an old respected past master of the lodge, W. Bro. Hare, was very much regretted. The lodge is beautifully equipped, and there is an air of neatness about the premises that at once impresses the visitor. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. I found the lodge dues satisfactory, and the books in good form by the efficient secretary, V.W. Bro. Clark. A pleasant hour was spent after the meeting in speeches and songs.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene : This lodge was visited on the evening of March 5th at the regular meeting. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bros. Wright and Robinson, and was hospitably received and entertained. There was a large turnout of the brethren. The work of the evening was a passing and a raising. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gilmour, W.M., the third by W. Bro. Leatherdale, I.P.M. The work in both degrees was done in an able and impressive manner, ably supported by the officers of the lodge. Judging from the work, I feel satisfied that the best interests of the lodge are in good hands. W. Bro. Hewson being secretary is a sufficient guarantee that the books and correspondence of the lodge are being handled in the most careful and efficient manner. This lodge is one of the few who have paid their full share of the Semi-Centennial Fund. After closing the lodge, the brethren sat down to a nice lunch, which was enjoyed by all present, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to. Some splendid songs were rendered. Singing of God Save the King brought to a close a happy evening.

Coronation Lodge, No. 446, Elmvale : I visited this lodge on the evening of March 6th, 1908, under trying circumstances. I was snowed in at Penetang, as far as the railway was concerned ; so I hired a conveyance and drove a distance of 18 miles against a terrible wind that would almost blow the horse off the road. I left Penetang at 5 o'clock and arrived at Elmvale at 8.30, and found the brethren awaiting me in the lodge room. I was introduced to the W.M., W. Bro. McGuire and

members by Bro. Ellis and was enthusiastically received. There was a good attendance considering the bad roads. One brother was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason, and I am sure, from the impressive manner the work was given, that it will make a lasting impression on the brother. All the work of the officers was highly creditable to themselves and to the lodge. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the district, it is noted for the excellence of its work. This lodge is a little behind with the Semi-Centennial Fund, but has made good promises. The books of the secretary, Bro. Thompson, are well kept. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served, W. Bro. Sneath presiding, when some speeches and songs took place. Singing of Auld Lang Syne ended a pleasant evening.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this lodge on the 16th of March, 1908, when there was a good attendance of the members, also visitors from Alliston, Cookstown, Tottenham, and Aurora. I received a very cordial welcome from the W.M. and brethren. One candidate was initiated in a most satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Cherry, W. M., who was well supported by his efficient staff of officers. The lodge was open and closed in the several degrees. The Semi-Centennial Fund has not received the support that it should from this enterprising lodge. I explained some of the grand features of this fund to the best of my ability, after which a number of the brethren and past masters of the lodge spoke in favor of the worthy object, and have promised to take hold and see that this fund will be paid. Some of the changes in the work this lodge did not have. I called their attention to this, which caused a little discussion. W. Bro. Goldsmith is quite a critic, and says that every new district deputy that comes has some new rulings. However, discussions of this kind, I think, are a benefit to a lodge. After the meeting was over a short time of social chat and some speeches in the banquet room brought to a close a pleasant evening.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cooktown: I officially visited this lodge on the 17th of March, St. Patrick's Day. There was a fair attendance considering the bad roads. A good number of the members live out in the country. The W.M. W. Bro. Griffith and his officers conferred the first degree on an exceptionally bright

candidate, Mr. Wm. McKay, who will be quite an acquisition to the craft. The work was generally well done, some slight errors, to which I called the attention of the officers and suggested some improvements, which I think will be carried out. The rendering of the Junior Warden's charge was extra well given, and the J.W. received my congratulations. Visitors from Beeton and Alliston were present. The books and finances are in good shape. This lodge claims to have paid up the Semi-Centennial Fund in full. I differed with them, as the report I got from the secretary of Grand Lodge show that they still owe a good balance. After the lodge was closed a banquet was held in Bro. Leadley's hotel, and would have been a credit to some city hotel. Singing of God Save the King closed a very enjoyable evening.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston, was visited on the 18th of March, 1908. I was met at the train by W. Bro. Ellis. The attendance at the lodge in the evening was very good, over fifty being present. W. Bro. McCluskey, W.M., conferred a first degree in a creditable manner. The officers are well up in the work, and performed their several portions of the ceremony in good style. There were several visitors from Beeton and Cookstown present, including the W. Master of both lodges, also W. Bro. Taylor, of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora. The lodge books are well kept, and finances exceptionally good. They own their own building and their lodge rooms are nicely furnished and convenient, which speaks well for the Masons in such a small town. I must say I was disappointed at this prosperous lodge not having its Semi-Centennial Fund paid up. I expect the addresses of some of the visitors, especially the remarks from W. Bro. Taylor, have made such impression on the members of Seven Star Lodge that we can look for good results in the near future. A nice lunch was given in their commodious banquet hall, after which some brief speeches brought to a close an exceptionally pleasant evening.

Northern Light Lodge,, No. 266, Stayner: I made my official visit on the night of Tuesday, March 24th, 1908. This being my own lodge, from my frequent attendance at the meetings, I can vouch for the standard of the work. Although I have seen the work done better by

the officers than on the night of my official visit, possibly the presence of so many prominent brother Masons as visitors caused the officers to be a little nervous, which happens on many occasions. I was pleased to have with us R.W. Bro. Cowan, of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie; W. Bro. Cobourn, I.P.M., of Northern Light, Stayner; Bro. Micks, S.D., of Zeta Lodge, Toronto; and Rev. Bro. Mr. McDermid, of Warren Lodge, Fingal, and many other visitors. The work of the evening was a second and third degree. W. Bro. Doner, W.M., was assisted by R.W. Bro. Cowan and W. Bro. Cobourn. The S. W. gave his charge on the tracing board in a highly creditable manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. This lodge has done nothing as yet for the Semi-Centennial Fund, but I can assure Grand Lodge that the half of our amount or more will be paid before next 15th of July. The brethren would have paid the whole amount this year, but a considerable amount of money was spent in beautifying and fixing up their lodge rooms. At the close a very enjoyable banquet was held, when some good addresses were made, interspersed with songs and stories.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: I visited this prosperous lodge on the 1st April, and found their spacious and beautiful lodge rooms the largest in the district, well furnished and extra well lighted, well filled by a large attendance of members, including many past masters. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bro. Toner, and was warmly welcomed and royally entertained. The J. W. was absent owing to sickness, his office being filled by W. Bro. Hughes. Also the Secretary was absent, his place being filled by W. Bro. Gregory. I was more than pleased to meet R.W. Bros. Nettleton, Toner and Dr. Aylesworth, P.D.D.G. M.'s present at this meeting. The work of the first degree was performed by W. Bro. Gilpin, the W.M., and his officers in a faultless manner, and I congratulate the officers on the excellency of the work done. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the S.W. Bro. Stephenson in a manner seldom surpassed. The charge from the book of constitution was well rendered by W. Bro. Roe. I am sorry to say that this lodge, one of the largest in the district, has done nothing as yet for the S. C. Fund, but, on its objects being fully explained,

the members promised that they would not be wanting in this duty. The usual banquet was held in their magnificent banquet room, when speeches and songs marked the close of a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: I visited this lodge on the evening of April 2nd. I was met at the train by R.W. Bro. Cowan and escorted to my hotel. This meeting was marked by a very large attendance. This lodge is the Masonic home of R. W. Bro. Cowan and other P.D.D.G.M.'s, and a large number of able P.M.'s, so that it is never allowed to fall behind in regard to accurate and impressive work. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bro. Fletcher, and received a warm welcome. The work presented was a first and second degree. The first was conferred by W. Bro. Shrubsole, P.M., W. Bro. Manuel, W.M., and his enthusiastic staff of officers gave the second degree seldom, if ever, excelled, and it was a great pleasure indeed for me to justly compliment this progressive lodge on the manner in which they do everything in connection with the workings of this thriving lodge, all the officers performing their duties in a faultless manner. Among the distinguished brethren present were R.W. Bro. Cowan, R.W. Bro. Fletcher, R.W. Bro. Monkman, and V.W. Bro. Hallett. The lodge's finances are in good shape, and future prospects good. Lodge books are well kept by W. Bro. Wilkes, who is a willing and tireless worker for the fraternity. This is one of the lodges which claims that charity is the fundamental principle of Masonry, and has paid its full share of the S. C. Fund. A banquet was held at the close, when a pleasant hour was spent and a number of good speeches made. Auld Lang Syne ended a very pleasant fraternal visit.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: This lodge was visited at their regular meeting on Friday, April 3rd. Here I had a very enjoyable visit indeed. The ceremony of introduction was performed by W. Bro. Alport and R.W. Wakefield, and was received with grand honors. The attendance was large, and the interest shown of a decided character. I regretted the absence of the secretary, Bro. Fowlie, he being dangerously ill, his position being ably filled by Bro. McNabb. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, which were

correctly done. The lodge room has been greatly improved and fitted up, and is now one of the most handsomely appointed in the district. The first degree was to have been conferred, but the candidate failed to put in an appearance. The work was, however, exemplified for me. The W. Master, W. Bro. Grant, is a thorough workman, and acquitted himself in a very creditable manner, all the officers doing their work as nearly perfect as possible. The lecture by J.W. Bro. Parsons I never heard given better. The charge from the book of constitution was given by W. Bro. Calverley, and could not be excelled. Among those who assisted in the musical portion of the programme were R. W. Bro. Wakefield, Bros. Kern, Alport, and Prof. Sherman. This lodge is known for the generosity of its entertainments, and the banquet which completed the evening was most elaborate. Auld Lang Syne brought to a close one of the most enjoyable nights of my visits.

Nitetic Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: I made my official visit to this lodge on Monday, 20th of April. I was accompanied by fifteen of the brethren from Stayner, including all the officers of Northern Light, No. 266. A large attendance was present. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bros. Dr. Niddrie and J. Hood. The proceedings were conducted by the W.M., W. Bro. Cooper and his staff in a manner which received my warm commendation. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and I was much impressed with attention to detail and accuracy. A first degree was conferred on a bright candidate by the W.M. and his officers. This work was most impressive, and almost without error. The rendering of the Tracing Board Lecture by the J.W., Bro. Lawrence, was admirable. The lodge premises are most complete and modern, the appointments being arranged with great taste. Many of the members are old personal friends of my own, and this reunion with them added much to the pleasure of my visit. I addressed the lodge at some length on the S. C. Fund, of which they have not paid one cent as yet to this noble cause, but the W.M. and officers promised me that they would pay half the amount this year when sending in their next report. The brethren have a cheery meeting place, and the uniform progress which they have enjoyed hitherto is.

bound to continue under the excellent guidance of W. Bro. Hood, W. Bro. Dr. Niddrie, W. Bro. Earl, W. Bro. Brown, and W. Bro. Lawrence. After the lodge closed the members sat down to an elegant spread at the Matchet Hotel, and nothing lacked to satisfy the inner man. Toasts, speeches, and songs passed away a few social hours.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk, was visited on the 11th of May at their regular meeting. The lodge room is very commodious and nicely furnished. There was only a fair attendance. I regret to say that harmony and goodwill does not appear to exist in this lodge as it should. Not a candidate has been initiated, although good petitions have been presented during the past year. This is to be very much regretted by all who are acquainted with what has always been considered a lodge doing good Masonic work, but I trust that the little petty feeling will disappear, and the dark clouds of discord and trouble may roll away never to overshadow this lodge again. A third degree was given and the work was well done by W. Bro. Armstrong and his officers, taking all things into consideration. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in good form. The Secretary's books are well kept, but the Treasurer not being present I did not see his books. Many thanks to W. Bro. Van Dusen for his kindness in connection with my visit. The banquet was held in the McCullough House, and was one of the best. Mr. Doyle, the proprietor, deserves credit for the excellent spread. A number of speeches and singing God Save the King ended a very pleasant evening.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I made my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting called by the W.M. for my convenience on the night of May the 12th. The attendance was large, many visitors being present. I was introduced by W. Bros. Campbell and Brown, W. Bro. White, W.M., and his excellent staff of officers exemplifying the first degree in a charming manner. The rendering showed much spirit and impressiveness. W. Bro. White is a man of energy and enthusiasm. He is ably seconded by his senior warden. The charge by the Junior Warden was well rendered. This lodge has made marked progress during the past year. W. Bro. Mills is a painstaking and accurate

Secretary, the financial standing growing strong; dues well paid. This lodge has a well furnished and comfortable home. While much good work has been done in this lodge, it has not as yet done its part for the S.C. Fund. After the remarks of some of the brethren, I am sure this lodge will not lack in this worthy object. The banquet is a special feature of this lodge, and was held at the Mansion House, which reflects credit on the proprietor. I heard it whispered from some of the visitors that it was the best they had attended in Toronto or out, and was marked by appropriate speeches and songs of a high order.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound, were visited on the 13th of May at a joint meeting, being held for my convenience. I was introduced by the W.M. and brethren by V.W. Bro. Miller and W. Bro. Dr. Cameron, and was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic gathering. It was St. George's regular meeting, and after the routine business had been transacted a well-prepared candidate was passed. The ceremony of the degree was performed by W. Bro. Thompson, W.M., and his able staff, to my complete satisfaction. W. Bro. McKay, the W.M. and the officers of North Star Lodge, resumed the chairs and conferred a third degree. The ceremony was accurately and impressively rendered. After work was done, remarks were called for on character of work. I could not say anything but to compliment both lodges on the perfect way the work was performed. There is no need of any D.D.G.M. going to Owen Sound while R.W. Bro. Wright and the Past Masters keep such a fatherly eye over the lodges only to meet the brethren and get acquainted with as fine a lot of brethren as there is in any place. I consider St. George's and North Star model lodges. The books of both lodges are well kept in a neat and orderly manner. The premises are beautifully and completely equipped with a full range of quarter-cut oak furniture. The next day I was entertained by R.W. Bro. Wright, was driven around the town and shown the many points of interest. A fine banquet was held at the close in the large dining hall of the lodge, when some good addresses were given by R.W. Bros. McLaughlin, McKnight, Wright, the

Masters of the lodges and others. Singing Auld Lang Syne brought to a close a profitable evening.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: I made my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on the evening of May 15th. A good representation of members were present. I was introduced by W. Bros. Wright and Bellamy, and was heartily received. A second degree was conferred on a bright candidate. The work was perfectly done by W. Bro. Armstrong, W.M., and the different officers. The floor work was all that could be desired. W. Bro. Armstrong is an able presiding officer, full of energy and zeal, and of good address. The lodge room is commodious and nicely furnished. The Secretary's books and Treasurer's are neat and well kept; dues well paid up. I had the pleasure of calling and spending an hour with W. Bro. Blackburn, who has been an invalid for the past 18 years. This brother never fails to mention and talk about the loving kindness he has and is receiving from his brother Masons in Flesherton. After the lodge closed, the brethren sat down to a bounteous repast in a room adjoining the lodge, and the ladies who prepared the supper deserved the hearty vote of thanks which was tendered them. A pleasant social hour ended a very enjoyable evening.

Tottenham Lodge, No. 46, Tottenham: Tottenham was visited on May 18th, 1908. I was met at the train by W. Bro. Potter. I was introduced to the brethren by W. Bro. McCabe and was royally received. A large number of the brethren were present, including many visitors from Beeton and Cookstown. The lodge room is centrally located, and is very prettily arranged. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Potter, W.M., who, with his officers, certainly merited the highest possible praise for the impressive way in which the work was done. The charge by the S.W. was well given. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the district, its prospects look bright, and the officers capable and enthusiastic. The lodge has only paid a small share to the S. C. Fund as yet, but I think from the stirring up they got on the night of my visit will have a good effect. I am much indebted to Bro. Hoskins for throwing open for my convenience and use his

fine parlors while in Tottenham. A banquet after the work brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: I visited this prosperous lodge on the 19th of May. This lodge is situated in a farming community, and is composed of tillers of the soil. I was surprised at the large attendance to welcome me. I was introduced to the master, officers and brethren by W. Bros. Green and Bro. Black, and was received right royally. The county council was in session in Barrie, and a number of the Bro. County Councillors drove over to pay a fraternal visit. I am much indebted to Bro. M. Wedd, Senior Warden of Kerr Lodge, Barrie, for accompanying me over to Stroud. The lodge room is a little ancient, but I trust the brethren will before long procure a more modern hall. The work was a passing, and the candidate, a young man who works for a farmer in that locality. I think I ought to say that I have never seen his superior. He answered accurately, and without prompting every question put to him both by the W. M. and the Wardens repeated the obligation of the previous degree with perfect accuracy, and evidently paid the closest attention to and appreciated every word of the ceremonial. The work of W. Bro. Leonard, W.M., and his officers could not have been much improved upon. The books are nicely kept by Bro. Black, the Secretary. This lodge is a little behind with the S. C. Fund, but will not be long in that condition. The banquet was served by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church. No better or more pleasant hour could have been experienced than with the Minerva brethren.

In conclusion, I have only to say that my constant aim has been to fulfil the duties of my high office to the utmost of my ability. Wherein I have failed, it has not been from lack of good intention. While the work has at times been very hard, and done at no little personal sacrifice, yet it has been such as I shall always look back to with a great deal of pleasure and with a knowledge that I, myself at least, have been greatly benefitted through my personal contact with the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. BETHUNE, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	Location.	Members.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		E. A.	F. C.	N. M.	Affiliations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. I.	Suspensions, other causes.	Received.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospect of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Decrease during year.	Increase during year.		E. A.	F. C.												Regular.	Emergency.									Total.	
70	Simcoe	Bradford	52	9	134	4	4	7	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	10	1	11	22	...	...	...	25	Coltune, 1908.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
89	St. George	Owen Sound	153	13	213	12	11	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	50.00	47	...	221	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 600.00		
90	Manito	Collingwood	187	16	615	30	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	50.00	30	...	150	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	800.00		
136	Corinthian	Barrie	119	13	17	14	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	20.00	34	...	343	75 Jan., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
137	Pythagoras	Midford	119	7	4	1	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	14	8	20	75.00	5	...	513	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	150.00		
142	Orillia	Orillia	173	3	11	17	19	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	30.00	15	...	15	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
220	Kerr	Barrie	113	3	6	2	3	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	30.00	8	...	15	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00	
234	Weaver	Clarkburg	78	5	4	5	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	80.00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
236	Manitoba	Coquitown	148	3	12	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	25.00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	1500.00
319	Camden	Midland	30	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	8.00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
325	N'tn Light	Staynor	82	6	15	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	8.00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
304	Seven Star	Alleton	74	3	5	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	10.00	13	...	30	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	200.00	
323	Minerva	Stroon	74	3	5	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	10.00	13	...	30	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	200.00	
328	North Star	Owen Sound	173	14	12	12	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	50.00	35	...	380	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	320.00	
333	Pr. Arthur	Flesherton	57	6	2	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	80.00	12	...	95	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	300.00	
344	Georgian	Penetang	77	11	7	5	7	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	180.00	4	...	45	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	75	7	0	4	7	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	30.00	9	...	45	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00	
385	Spry	Repton	73	11	4	8	9	8	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	...	...	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	400.00
444	Nielis	Cromwell	63	1	3	9	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	...	...	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
440	Dundalk	Dundalk	59	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	10.00	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
425	Corinthian	Glendale	67	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	...	...	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
407	Toronto	Tottenham	67	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	15	...	...	...	...	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00
470	Victoria	Victor Harbor	70	14	16	10	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	10.00	11	...	45	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300.00	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Niagara District, No. 10, for the year ending June 24th, 1908.

The financial standing of the various lodges is good, the lodge rooms are well furnished and comfortable, the minutes and records are neatly and uniformly well kept, while the officers are endeavoring to the very best of their ability to render the beautiful ritual of our grand Order in the only way that it should be rendered, namely, accurately and impressively, and, I am happy to say, are succeeding admirably. But most important to mention, the brethren seem to realize that not every one may be admitted members of the craft, but only those of sterling integrity and of good report; those who can take in and will appreciate the faultless precious jewels contained in the Masonic casket, and practice the lessons Masonry teaches.

I am also delighted to be able to tell you that, best of all, harmony and goodwill prevail throughout the district. Only one or two instances have I discovered to mar this pervading spirit, but those instances were trivial, and, ere this, I trust, have healed themselves.

I intended holding at least two Lodges of Instruction during my term of office, but instead encouraged the frequent interchange of visits between lodges with success and good results, I believe, because, if there is anything more than another that serves to secure uniformity of, and accuracy in, the work and promote goodwill, it is such visits.

I also pointed out the necessity of subscribing to a Canadian Masonic Journal if we wished to be enlightened, well informed, Masons, at least as to what the Craft is doing and accomplishing elsewhere, and, if we

wished for new ideas, so that we might not be "isolated" Masons, but rather "universal" Masons. A Masonic Journal is as necessary to a Mason as the daily paper is to the everyday man. I trust the Masons of this district will be reading Masons.

I have also emphasized the importance and grand object of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and my earnest hope is that the Brethren will not forget the matter, but keep it ever before them and rise to the occasion, that Grand Lodge may be able to relieve the widow, and give bread to the children.

I regret to say that about 13 members of the Craft in the district have been called from among us, but as true Masons we will ever cherish their memory in our hearts. They have but preceded us to the Grand Lodge above.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake: On the 12th July, 1908, I visited this the oldest lodge in Canada, located in this old historic military spot. Wor. Bro. Brown, W.M., and the officers worked the third degree in the way I expected of them—for I had visited there before—splendidly. A goodly number was present. About 30, and the banquet which followed with speeches and song was all that could be desired. The lodge room—the old military barracks—and the old charter on the wall, are interesting to the visitor and carry on one's mind back to the early days.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: On the 23rd November, 1908, I visited this, another of the oldest lodges in Canada and earliest settled spots. This was one of the most largely attended meetings in the district, over 70 being present, including what is very noteworthy some 17 Pastmasters. The first and third degrees were faultlessly exemplified by Wor. Bro. Pettit, W.M., and officers, assisted by all the Pastmasters at different points in the ceremony, and, with music added, the whole was very impressive. A splendid banquet and speeches brought the pleasant evening to a close. I had the pleasure here of meeting with Rt. Wor. Bro. Drope, P.D.D.G.M. and a member of the lodge. This lodge, however, suffered recently a severe loss in the decease of its W. Master Wor. Bro. Pettit.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the 14th April, 1908. The attendance was

large, about fifty-five, among whom were visitors from Thorold, Niagara Falls, and sister lodges of St. Catharines. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Riddell, W. M., and officers splendidly. The work and music made the ceremony all that could be desired. The lodge is to be congratulated upon having a fine musical quartette. A sumptuous repast followed with speeches and song.

Amity Lodge, No. 35, Dunnville: I visited this lodge on the 19th Feb., 1908. There was only a fair attendance of about thirty, owing, however, to a severe snowstorm which raged all day and night, and to much sickness among the members. I was disappointed, because I had heard of the zeal and efficiency in the art of the brethren of this locality. The second degree was fairly well done, but I must make every due allowance for the reasons above mentioned, and because the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Witton, was handicapped by the unavoidable absence of some of the officers. After work, refreshments were served and ideas exchanged. I spent a pleasant evening indeed, here.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: I visited this lodge on the 20th February, 1908. There was a large attendance of 60, including a number of the brethren from York and Hagersville. The second degree was splendidly worked by Wor. Bro. Baxter, W.M., and his officers, while the third degree was equally well done by Wor. Bro. Martindale, W.M., of Enniskillen Lodge, York, and his officers. An elaborate banquet followed with many speeches of a high order. I had the pleasure here of meeting P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Hoshal, a member of the lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross, P.D.D. G. M. of Wilson District.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the 30th April, 1908. This was also one of the most largely attended meetings I attended. A number of the brethren came down from Niagara Falls and Thorold. The first degree was exceedingly well rendered by Wor. Bro. Varey, W.M., and officers. The St. George's quartette again acquitted themselves, and added immensely to the ceremony. I had the pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Leubsdorf, a member of this lodge. The banquet which followed was but another evidence of the pro-

perity of Maple Leaf Lodge. Speeches and music added very much to the pleasure of the evening.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls: There was a good attendance of about fifty, including brethren from Chippawa. Wor. Bro. Didemus, W.M., opened and closed the lodge, but as per arrangement with Wor. Bro. Lennox, W.M., and officers of King Edward VII., Chippawa worked the first degree, and they did so in a very creditable manner, indeed. The "fourth degree" was the usual bounteous repast furnished on such occasions by St. Mark's. Some nice speeches were delivered. It is needless to say that Wor. Bro. Didemus and officers performed their work of the evening as well as anyone could wish for, and that the evening was a most pleasant one.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: I visited this lodge on the 27th March, 1908. There was a good attendance, some thirty, considering the inclemency of the night. W. Bro. Fairbrother, W. M., and officers worked the second degree in a fine manner. The speeches at the elaborate banquet which followed were an oratorical treat in the true sense of the word. Nowhere, I believe, did I receive such a warm reception, for even the bees turned out to do homage.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: I visited this lodge on the 16th March, 1908. Naturally, next to my mother lodge, I looked forward to this visit. I was pleased to find a large attendance of about 45. The third degree was worked by W. Bro. McNiece, W. M., and officers, in a very fine manner. Refreshments were served after work, when the brethren adjourned again to the lodge room to listen to some nice speeches and first-class singing.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited this lodge on the 17th March, 1908. There was a good attendance of about 30. W. Bro. Rev. Smith, W. M., and officers worked the first degree in highly commendable manner. Refreshments were served after work and very interesting speeches made. The lodge is progressing very nicely.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: I visited this lodge on the 17th Feb., 1908. About 20 members of the lodge were present (a good attendance, considering the total membership is only 26), and about 15 brethren from

Cayuga and Hagersville. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by W. Bro. Martindale and officers, and the third degree was worked by W. Bro. Baxter, W. M., and officers of St. John's Lodge, Cayuga. Both acquitted themselves remarkably well. Refreshments were served after work. The brethren of York are a faithful band of Masons, full of zeal, and firmly bound in the bonds of brotherly love, relief and truth. The membership will grow in due course.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold : I visited this lodge on the 15th January, 1908. This was one of the most largely attended meetings, about 70 being present, including a number from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. The first degree was perfectly put on by the W. M. and officers. The quartette from St. George's, St. Catharines, who lent their assistance, added immensely to the ceremony. An elaborate banquet was held after work. Splendid speeches and music made the evening a very enjoyable one.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls : I visited this lodge on the 5th December, 1907. There was a first-rate attendance of about 40. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Campbell, W. M., and officers in a manner for which this lodge is well known—most efficiently. A nice banquet, good speeches and music after work made the social hour very enjoyable. I also had the pleasure of installing on the evening of 24th June, 1908, the new W. M., W. Bro. Swannell, and officers of this lodge.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie : I visited this lodge on the 11th March, 1908. There was a good attendance of about 35. The third degree was worked very well by W. Bro. Scott, W. M., and officers. Refreshments were served after work.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines : I visited this lodge on the 15th May, 1908. There was a small attendance of only 20, but it was an emergent meeting, and through a misunderstanding on my part I failed to pay my visit on an earlier date, when I understand some 55 or 60 were present and an elaborate banquet had been prepared in my honor. Two second degrees were worked by W. Bro. Brown, W. M., and officers in a very fine manner. The St. George's quartette added very much again to the ceremony by their rendering of the musical part of the ritual.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville : I visited this lodge on the 12th March, 1908. There were about 30 present. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Addy, W. M., and officers in a highly commendable manner indeed. The brethren are to be congratulated upon their new lodge room and furnishings, and the zeal being exhibited in the science. A very pleasant evening was spent, not only in the lodge room but at refreshments served afterwards, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Macdonald, another P. D. D. G. M.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 320, Jarvis : I visited this lodge on the 14th March, 1908. There was an attendance of about 30. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Miller, W. M., and officers in an excellent manner. After work a splendid repast was provided at the hotel, where speeches and music were indulged in to the pleasure of all. I also met here R. W. Bro. Noble, a P. D. D. G. M.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson : I visited this lodge on the 14th January, 1908, and installed the officers. A number of the Welland brethren accompanied me and assisted me. There were about 30 present. Immediately after installation W. Bro. Marshall, the new W. M., conferred the first degree in a highly commendable manner. This lodge is progressing splendidly with W. Bro. Marshall in the chair, and with certain alterations and improvements made to the lodge room recently the lodge has every prospect before it. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport : I took advantage of the nice weather and good roads and visited this lodge on the 15th October, 1907. It was my first official visit, and a few of the Welland brethren accompanied me. There was a good attendance of about 40. W. Bro. Jas. Ross, W. M., was absent through sickness, but W. Bro. J. Stewart and the officers worked the first degree highly satisfactorily. Dufferin lodge always does good work. The usual nice banquet given by this lodge on such an occasion followed, with many good speeches.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg : I visited this lodge on the 3rd March, 1908. There was a large attendance of about 50, among whom was R. W. Bro. Harry White, P.D.D.G.M., of Toronto. The third degree

was worked, and I must say perfectly, upholding the reputation for such work this lodge has held. The banquet and speeches that followed were in keeping, and highly enjoyable. W. Bro. Kee, W. M., and officers are among the most enthusiastic of the district. I had the pleasure here too of meeting another P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Hurrell, a member of the lodge.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland : I visited this lodge on the 2nd April, 1908. There were about 35 present. I was to have made my visit on an earlier date, but I was unfortunately prevented by illness at the last moment from turning up. Upon that occasion some 50 had gathered and an elaborate banquet provided. Naturally a visit to one's mother lodge is a high source of pleasure, and I will be pardoned when I say that my visit there as D. D. G. M. afforded me the highest pleasure of all my life. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Jones, W. M., and officers in an excellent manner. Refreshments, speeches and music made the night one long to be remembered, at least in my mind.

King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 471, Chippewa : I visited this lodge on the 4th March, 1908. About 45 were present, including about 20 from St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South. W. Bro. Lennox, W. M., and officers opened and closed in the three degrees very well indeed. W. Bro. Murray, as W. M., in the absence of W. Bro. Didemus, of St. Mark's, and the officers of St. Mark's assumed the chairs and worked the third degree in a splendid manner. After work the brethren sat down to a banquet and listened to some good speeches. The night was a very enjoyable one. This, the newest lodge in the district, is progressing very nicely.

During my term I appointed Bro. T. Mains, of Copestone Lodge, No. 373, my Secretary, and Bro. Rev. A. C. MacIntosh, of Palmer Lodge, No. 372, my Chaplain.

In making the foregoing report, with respect to the different lodges, it has not been open to me to discriminate. I have found it hard to clothe each case in different language, simply because, as I remarked in the early part of my report, each and every lodge is prospering and working well, vieing with each other in doing its best, and this all with the very best of good will.

I know it will be one of your great pleasures, Most W. Sir and brethren, as it was mine, to find this to be the

case, and that it is your earnest hope, as it is mine, that this state of affairs will continue to exist.

I have appreciated the duties and responsibilities of my office, as well as the pleasures and the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me in connection therewith, and I take this opportunity again, in laying down my term of office, of thanking my brethren for the honor they did me in electing me to the position, assuring them and you, M. W. Sir, that in my declining years it will be one of my greatest joys and comforts to look back and linger upon the many pleasant evenings spent with my brethren at work and at refreshment.

In conclusion, applying to Masonry the words of that great statesman, Chatham, when he spoke of his country. "The welfare of the Order," M. W. Sir and brethren, "has ever been my dearest wish, and amid all the vicissitudes of life has afforded me the most pleasing consolation. If the all-disposing hand of Providence should prevent me contributing my poor and feeble aid in the hour of her distress my prayers shall ever be for her prosperity. Length of days be in her right hand, and in her left riches and honor. May all her ways be pleasantness and all her paths be peace."

I have the honor to be,

Yours humbly and fraternally,

G. H. PETTIT, D. D. G. M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem. Degree's Conf'd	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Meet'gs held	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
8	Niagara	Niag. on-Lake.	100	8	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	220 00	7	\$ 71 78	June 25, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 500 00
7	Union	Grimsby	101	6	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10 00	5	450 00	July, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
15	St. George.	St. Catharines	101	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65 00	6	37 50	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	113	7	8	5	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	58 00	17	37 50	Feb. 26, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
85	St. John's.	Cayuga	70	7	8	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31 50	24	400 00	June 21, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	175	16	13	14	14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80 00	3	128 00	Dec 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
105	St. Mark's.	Niagara Falls.	133	13	15	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 50	27	71 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
115	Ivy	Be. msville	112	8	2	8	9	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 50	27	141 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
164	Werritt	Welland	101	9	5	7	5	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	18 00	7	33 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	900 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	96	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35 00	6	35 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
185	Kunskill'n	York	131	19	6	11	15	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30 00	8	31 00	July 4, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	127	11	16	11	16	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20 00	18	42 00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls.	77	7	10	14	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35 00	2	35 00	Dec. 31, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00
277	Beymour	Port Da house	51	17	12	11	18	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19 00	7	44 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
296	Tempe	St. Catharines	73	15	12	11	18	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19 00	2	44 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	65	9	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 00	30	130 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
320	King s-d'n	Jarvis	69	8	4	6	6	6	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 14	13	10 14	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
337	Wyrtle	Port Robinson	69	8	4	6	6	6	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 00	1	41 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
373	Dufferin.	Wellandport.	68	7	1	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 14	13	10 14	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
373	Palmer	Bridgeport	68	7	1	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 14	13	10 14	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
373	Copstone.	Welland	68	11	10	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10 14	13	10 14	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
471	King Edw'd VII	Chippewa.	47	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 14	95	41 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	50 00

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Because Masonry in Toronto District No. 11 is in a most satisfactory condition, I have pleasure in submitting to you in brief form the following report, based upon the information I have obtained from the officers of the twenty-three lodges included in our present jurisdiction and upon the results of my observation during my official visits.

The duties of the responsible position of D. D. G. M. of so important a district as No. 11 are somewhat onerous, but are so modified and lessened by the uniform courtesy, fraternal regard and unswerving loyalty of the brethren to the representative of the Grand Master that the discharge of these duties becomes a source of the most genuine pleasure.

The tabulated report attached hereto gives the statistical condition of our district in every essential detail, and compared with that of the preceding years, shows substantial progress on the whole. The true spirit of true Masonry is exemplified in a most marked degree in all the lodges, and the absence of friction, disputes, charges and investigations, indicates a growth in magnanimity and a breadth of view on the part of our membership which is but a direct result of Masonic teaching.

While I visited a number of the lodges and attended several social functions prior to the Christmas vacation, I reserved all official visits until after the New Year. The following is the order of official visits paid:

Victoria Lodge, Toronto West: Visited January 21. Condition good. Work of W. Bro. Hill and officers satisfactory.

Ashlar Lodge, 801 Yonge street, Toronto : Visited January 28, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson during my illness. His detailed report showed this lodge to be in fine

condition, doing most satisfactory work under W. Bro. J. A. Shaw and officers.

Occident Lodge, Bathurst street, Toronto : Visited Februarv 19. Found this lodge enjoying new life and prosperity under the able management of an excellent staff of officers led by W. Bro. Clarkson W. James.

Alpha Lodge, Bathurst street, Toronto : Visited March 5. Strong financially and socially. A long list of loval Past Masters behind a capable ruler in the person of W. Bro. Percy Rogers, ensures continued success for this lodge.

Wilson Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited March 17. Doing acceptable work under direction of W. Bro. Carl Lehman and an excellent staff of energetic officers.

York Lodge, Eglinton, Ont. : Visited March 20. In good condition financially and otherwise. growing in influence and popularity under the present charge of W. Bro. F. W. Goulding, ably supported by V. W. Bro. Chas. Norris, R. W. Bro. R. W. Hull and other Past Masters.

Zetland Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited March 27. The largest lodge in the district. Membership most loyal and enthusiastic in supporting W. Bro. Carleil Hall, and his officers. Conditions excellent. Work good.

Stanley Lodge, Toronto West, Ont. : Visited April 7. Found W. Bro. W. D. Thomas well skilled in handling the business and work. A prosperous and successful lodge. Under the kindly supervision of R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson this lodge is making good progress.

King Solomon, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited April 9. One of the old lodges in the district. Now in healthy condition. W. Bro. Norman Elder and a brilliant staff of bright young officers are giving it an up-lift this year.

Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, Ont. : Date of visit April 10. Comfortably located in its own hall, valued at \$800. Doing creditable work under W. Bro. W. R. Brown and his officers, aided by W. Bro. Jesse Smith. I. P. M.

River Park Lodge, Streetsville, Ont. : Visited April 14. Condition good. W. Bro. T. L. Kennedy, ably supported by his officers, showed marked ability in the

conduct of the business and work of the lodge. Grand Chaplain R. W. Bro. C. H. Rich was present.

Ionic Lodge, Brampton, Ont. : Date of visit April 21. Work excellent. Financial condition good. R. W. Bro. W. H. Macfadden continues to render invaluable service as secretary. Result—no outstanding dues and correct records.

Humber Lodge, Weston, Ont. ; Visited April 24. W. Bro. G. H. Scott and officers exemplified second degree in very good form. Condition of lodge is good financially. Marking time this year numerically. Bro. J. K. Keefer presented satisfactory records for inspection.

Rehoboam Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Date May 7. Work finest in the district. Records excellent. Plenty of cash. Plenty of enthusiastic members. W. Bro. Alfred Davis is well supported by his excellent staff of officers and Past Masters.

Union Lodge, Schomberg, Ont. : Visited May 11. Well located in comfortable premises owned by the lodge. Doing good work. W. Bro. M. Brandon, W. M., officers and members enthusiastic. Prospects bright.

Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont. : Visited May 12. Found it in good working order, under W. Bro. Thos. H. Keys and a competent staff of officers. W. Bro. J. B. McLean has charge of the records, which are in excellent order. This lodge owns a very comfortable hall, and is in a prosperous condition.

Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, Ont. : Date of visit May 14. Condition satisfactory. Officers know work and discharge their duties well under the guidance of W. Bro. Wm. Riddell as Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis as Secretary.

Peel Lodge, Caledon East, Ont. : Visited May 15. This is a young lodge, making some progress. It should have a better lodge room. W. Bro. J. A. Proctor and officers exemplified first degree in very good form. Bro. J. W. Phillips is a careful and energetic Secretary.

Harmony Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto: Visited May 2. This is now one of the banner lodges in District 11. It is in good condition financially, and has won considerable distinction for good degree work and superior entertainment from a musical standpoint. W. Bro. A. H. Loughheed is a most enthusiastic and success-

ful Master, and is well supported by his active officers and loyal Past Masters.

Mimico Lodge, Lambton Mills, Ont. : Date of visit June 9. Comfortably located in its own premises. Doing satisfactory work, making some progress under the care of W. Bro. W. Brown and a good staff of officers.

Corinthian Lodge, Toronto : Visited June 11. Found conditions satisfactory in every respect. A bright young lodge, strong financially and socially, and a credit to the craft. W. Bro. J. Stephens, assisted by W. Bro. Jackson L. Little, I. P. M., and a fine staff of officers are doing good work.

Robertson Lodge, King, Ont. : Visited on June 12. This lodge, located in one of the finest localities in York County, should have a better lodge room and make more substantial progress. The Master's work could be improved. Prospects fair.

True Blue Lodge, Bolton, Ont. : Date of visit June 19. The ruling Master, W. Bro. J. Wilson, has been absent continuously from lodge meetings on account of illness, but W. Bros. Norton and Leavens, with the other officers, have preserved the interests of the lodge and carried on the work in a satisfactory manner. True Blue Lodge owns a good hall and should do well.

In order to better discharge my duties and to obtain more direct personal knowledge about the lodges in the district, I endeavored to be present at the opening of each session so as to observe the methods of conducting the general business. The result has been most satisfactory to me, proving the fact that all Masters and Wardens, with but one or two exceptions, are bright business men as well as good Masons.

In conjunction with R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11A, two Lodges of Instruction were held during the year. These were largely attended, and the Worshipful Master and officials of Zeta, St. George and Harmony lodges placed the district in general under obligation to them for the excellence of their work and for the splendid opportunities afforded for witnessing the proper exemplification of the first, second and third degrees, respectively.

Lack of interest on the part of the membership in general in the Semi-Centennial Fund is everywhere apparent throughout the district, and I am of the opinion

that further contributions to this fund to any considerable extent will not be forthcoming unless legislation of a forceful character is enacted by the Grand Lodge making this a legal tax instead of an optional contribution and carrying with it some penalty for non-payment.

A pleasing feature of the degree work throughout the district is the entire absence of intoxicating beverages from the tables of nearly all the lodges, and the pleasure of my official visit to Zetland lodge was greatly enhanced by the passing of a resolution, by a large majority without debate, for the abolition of all spirituous and malt liquors from its festive board.

To a considerable number of enthusiastic brethren throughout the district my thanks are due for valued suggestions and information readily given, but I feel under very special obligation to W. Bro. Geo. McLeish, of Wilson Lodge, for his co-operation and aid as District Secretary ; also, to W. Bro. James Heywood, of Zetland Lodge ; W. Bro. P. H. Lee, of Tuscan Lodge ; W. Bro. H. McKinnon, of St. John's Lodge, and W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, of St. Andrew's Lodge, for voluntary and much appreciated assistance in making my official visits more interesting and effective on the several occasions on which I was favored with their company.

District No. 11 presents a wide field for the activities of the Craft, and the present outlook for continued success and prosperity is exceedingly bright. I transmit to my successor in office a list of splendid lodges in the enjoyment of a degree of progress and harmony, which I trust will continue to prevail for many years to come.

Faternally yours.

W. H. SHAW, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto West District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem- bers.	Increase during year.		Men- bership.	Degree's conf'd.		Ad- missions.	Re- storations.	Re- ceptions N. P. D.	Suspend- ed, other cause.	De- ceased.	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Grand W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
				Decrease during year.	E. A.		F. C.	N. M.						Regular.	Emergency.												
23	King Sol'm	Toronto.....	277	17	23	15	15	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	16	35	384	35	19	\$ 185	55	June 17, '08	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	\$ 100 00	
54	Vaughan	Maple.....	49	4	4	4	6							14	14	16	7	00	8	49	50	Dec. 27, '07	No debt	Good	Yes	100 00	
55	Reheboam	Toronto.....	370	47	44	35	27	19	4	4	4	4	4	11	33	33	342	00	11	99	00	June 25, '08	Good	Bright	Yes	100 00	
86	Willson	Toronto.....	222	28	24	32	27	4	4	4	4	4	4	11	12	10	98	00	38	25	90	Dec. 27, '07	Strong	Good	Yes	100 00	
94	True Blue	Holton.....	57	1	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	11	11	10	15	00	11	102	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00	
118	Union	Schouberg..	47	1	4	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	12	13	10	5	00	11	150	00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
155	York	North Toronto	168	14	22	21	19	3	4	6	9	9	9	3	12	11	20	30	3	17	15	June 25, '08	Good	Excell'nt	Vy Good	250 00	
223	Isaac	Brasportan	90	10	9	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	15	20	30	50	17	20	00	Dec. 30, '07	Good	Good	Fair	250 00	
248	Astoria	Toronto.....	325	21	22	23	22	9	3	5	3	4	11	13	13	16	28	50	4	45	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00	
293	Patterson	Thorahill.....	54	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	11	11	14	18	00	6	25	50	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fine	Yes	150 00	
295	Roberts	King.....	40	3	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	22	21	00	8	160	00	June 30, '08	Good	Splendid	Yes	500 00	
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge..	57	2	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	15	5	00	15	111	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
326	Zetland	Toronto.....	511	12	91	15	26	3	2	3	4	7	10	11	11	11	70	48	21	120	00	June 28, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
345	Oceident	Toronto.....	290	8	11	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	2	10	11	10	15	15	99	00	Dec. 30, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	
356	Hiver Park	Streetsville..	51	4	5	4	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	12	13	10	25	00	12	200	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	100 00	
359	Mimico	Lambton Mills	78	7	5	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	12	12	13	215	00	13	345	00	Dec. 27, '07	Vy Good	Excell'nt	Yes	100 00	
384	Alpha	Toronto.....	340	17	15	26	29	7	1	4	4	4	4	2	12	13	55	42	38	108	00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
496	Stanley	Toronto Junc.	683	16	22	19	21	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	11	11	99	00	2	9	00	Jan. 2, '08	Fair	Bright	Yes	Stanley	
438	Harmony	Toronto.....	327	22	33	27	26	9	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	13	37	50	6	58	25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	None	
468	Peel	Caledon East.	48	0	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	37	50	6	77	76	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	None	
474	Victoria	West Toronto	100	17	16	11	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	13	37	50	6	77	76	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	None	
481	Corinthian	Toronto.....	71	12	13	15	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	11	37	50	6	77	76	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	None	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I send the following report as to the condition of Masonry in this district, and of my work in the office to which I had the honor of being elected for the year now ending. Before reviewing the work of the past year allow me to thank the brethren for the confidence they placed in me by electing me to this honorable and responsible position, and to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy shown me generally as the representative of the Grand Master throughout the district. At all times I was received and entertained as befitting the position. Being so honored, I determined that no effort on my part should be wanting to perform the duties of my office in as satisfactory a manner as circumstances and my ability would permit.

W. Bro. E. Barber, P. M. Zeta Lodge, kindly consented to act as District Secretary, and to him I am particularly indebted for much assistance. He has been most willing at all times to meet all the requirements of that position.

Knowing the unsatisfactory condition in which the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund stood in this District, and to carry out the instructions given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, I obtained from the Inspector of Benevolence at an early date a statement showing what was expected from the brethren of each lodge and what each lodge had remitted to the Grand Secretary, together with what Grand Lodge had expended for charity in each lodge on applications for relief. In an official circular issued in August and sent to the several W. M's. I referred to this matter as follows : "I would urge you and your officers to use every effort to have the

members of your lodge, who have not already done so, complete their contribution to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund without further delay. The time given by Grand Lodge, viz., three years, for contributing to this most meritorious undertaking—the relief of distress—has just expired, yet I regret to say that the brethren of this district have only contributed on an average 88 cents per member, notwithstanding the fact that Ionic Lodge has paid more than its full complement. This, W. Sir, is a sincere cause of regret, more especially when we consider the high standing this district has and should aim to hold, and the large number of well-to-do members there are in it. Every Mason who can afford to contribute the small sum of \$3.00 asked for the relief of the distressed, should consider it not only a sacred duty but an especial privilege to assist to this extent in carrying out this benevolent project which will exist long after he has ceased to live, will speak for him when his voice is forever silent, and will continue to distribute charity for him when his hand is powerless to relieve his fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction. I would suggest as a means towards collecting this balance, that you appoint a committee composed of members who have the interest of the undertaking at heart, and have one or more of this committee interview each brother individually. I feel confident, W. Sir, a special effort will accomplish what is asked. Should any information or explanation regarding the matter be required, kindly let me know and I will see that such is given. Nothing I could tell our Grand Master would give him greater delight than to report next July that all the brethren of this district have paid their contribution in full. I feel confident it will be done. Do your best to assist,” and, in order to assist in having the plan proposed in it carried out, drafted the following letter :

January 25th, 1908...

Dear Sir and Brother :

On reviewing the list of members of Lodge who are expected to subscribe to the Semi-Centennial Fund, I find that you have not yet been credited with the small amount which each member is requested to contribute. I am convinced you feel that this is a very worthy cause and that you will be glad to assist in this

good work, and I am led to believe that in the hurry and bustle of your business you have overlooked forwarding this small amount to our Secretary.

No doubt you know the object of this fund. However, you may be interested in learning to what use your money will be put, and who are likely to be benefited by it. There are at present 226 widows, 4 wives, 4 sisters, 3 mothers, 16 orphans and 65 brethren who receive financial aid from Grand Lodge. 103 of these are over 70 years of age, 34 from 70 to 74, 33 from 75 to 79, 22 from 80 to 84, 11 from 85 to 89, and 3 over 90. In almost every case the amount given by Grand Lodge is altogether inadequate for the entire support of the recipient, and in some cases the amount which is given is all that these worthy and needy brethren have to depend upon. I have taken the liberty of enclosing herewith a description of some of those to whom the interest of your small donation of \$3.00 will be given. Surely in our state of affluence you and I can spare a few dollars of our spending money to help along this good cause. "To-day we may tread on the flowery meads of prosperity, to-morrow we may totter on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation and adversity." And who knows a wife, a mother, a sister or a child of ours may some day be in need of the help which can only come from the interest on this Semi-Centennial Fund.

I hope, therefore, that you will see your way clear to forward to me or to our Secretary, Bro. the small amount of \$3.00 which you are asked to contribute. Send \$5.00, yes \$10.00, if you can afford it. You may rest assured that the amount you contribute will be properly invested and faithfully applied to the charitable purposes of Grand Lodge, and you will not only experience the joy of providing for the needy, but you will also carry out your promise to "practice that virtue which you once professed to admire."

Do it now before you forget.

Yours fraternally,

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W. M.

and sent it to the W. M's of such lodges as I deemed advisable, requesting it to be filled in and signed, and that it, or one of a similar nature, together with the descrip-

tion of some of the cases relieved by Grand Lodge, which I sent with it, be sent to each member who had not contributed, and that this be followed up by the W. M. appointing a committee of members having the interest of the undertaking at heart and have each member of that committee undertake personally to see a certain number to whom the letter had been sent until all had been interviewed and the matter explained to and understood by them. Where this has been faithfully carried out the results have been most beneficial. At the time of writing \$1,210.54 have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the fund from this district since last July that I have heard of, making altogether about \$4,200.00. I had the pleasure of visiting with the M. W. the Grand Master on several occasions in Toronto, and his eloquent remarks materially assisted in accomplishing this result. On almost all my visits I have spoken on this matter and have endeavored in every way to have the brethren take an active interest in this most meritorious project. I would strongly recommend my successor to continue the good work for another year, and hope the fund will be kept open, when, I am satisfied, the district will have contributed the full quota expected. When referring to the subject of benevolence, I also desire to state that, outside of the above fund, the individual lodges are not unmindful of particular cases of relief among their own members, and from knowledge gained from perusing past reports, and from information gathered, I know of no time when the brethren were more ready to respond to the call for relief, when the facts are properly presented, than the present. May this continue, as of all the tenets of the Craft none, in my view, stamp the progress of Masonry better than that of Relief.

Realizing the value of Lodges of Instruction as a means of clearing away irregularities, and of securing a standard of uniformity in our work, I arranged with R. W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, D.D.G.M. Toronto West District, early in our term to co-operate in this work. We decided to hold two separate meetings or lodges in the City of Toronto as the place most accessible for all parts of both districts, and to give plenty of time for both exemplification and discussion, and that lodges in each district be asked to participate. That the evenings might be as profitable as possible to all, I endeavored to post myself

on doubtful points by previously discussing them with the late Grand Secretary. The first lodge was held on the 29th of October in the Masonic rooms in Occident Hall, corner of Queen and Bathurst streets, when the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. J. G. Cane, W. M., and the officers of Zeta Lodge, and the second degree by W. Bro. A. G. Saunders, W. M., and officers of St. George Lodge. The work of both degrees was exemplified in full, with musical accompaniment, and was exceedingly well done. The second lodge was held on the 29th November in the Masonic rooms in the Temple Building, when the sublime degree was exemplified in a highly creditable manner, also with music, by W. Bro. A. F. Sprout, W. M., and the officers of Harmony lodge. The method of conducting a Board of Trial was also ably shown at this meeting by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, who, on the spur of the moment, was called on, and, without having time for preparation, the brother who was expected to perform this having been suddenly called away. At each of these meetings there were fully 300 present, almost every lodge in the two districts being represented. The news of the sudden death the day previous of our late Grand Secretary, however, saddened the hearts of those present at this latter meeting, and prior to entering on the work it was unanimously desired that a resolution expressive of their deep sorrow be sent to the family of our deceased brother, which we did. The large attendance and deep interest displayed in the proceedings was ample justification for our work, and I have no doubt that much good resulted therefrom. I would strongly advise one or more of such being held every year, and if possible, in addition to the exemplification of the work, have some well skilled brethren give short addresses or read short papers open to discussion, upon Craft symbolism and the history of our order, which it was quite apparent would be appreciated. Speaking for myself, I desire to thank the W. M's and officers of these lodges for their kindness in so willingly responding to our request, for the very creditable rendition of the work, as also for their thoughtfulness in attending to the comforts of the brethren afterwards. Besides several G. L. and past G. L. officers residing in Toronto, there were present at one or other of these meetings R. W. Bro. J. W. Bethune, D. D. G. M. of 9th district ; R. W. Bro. J. A.

V. Preston, D. D. G. M. 7th District, and R. W. Bro. P. A. Sommerville, G. J. W. In October last a suitable regalia was presented by this district to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe. This was duly carried out, at my request, by R. W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M., assisted by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P. G. J. D., on behalf of the committee appointed.

The brethren of Toronto, marshalled by W. Bro. Duncan Grigg, attended divine service on Sunday, June 21st, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, and listened to an eloquent sermon from the Rev. Bro. Derwyn T. Owen, the assistant rector, who was assisted in the beautiful service by the Rev. Dr. Pearson and the choir of the church.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

That Masonry is firmly established, and is making steady and substantial progress in this district, is beyond question. I have visited each of the twenty-one lodges, many of them twice, and some more frequently. Each and every lodge is holding regular meetings each month (except those which call off in the summer weather), and emergent meetings are quite frequent. None are what could be called weak, although the interest and energy displayed in two or three outside of the city of Toronto in the exemplification of the work could be increased with benefit to their respective lodges. A feature that immeasurably assists in the success of a lodge is the introduction of music into the ceremonies, and I would strongly recommend this to those rural lodges which have not as yet attempted it. I have invariably noticed that when the lodge is manned by well skilled and energetic officers a prosperous and a live lodge is found, while where the W. M. is careless and indifferent the lodge is the sufferer. If, before the W. M. could be installed, he must produce a certificate from some duly appointed G. L. officer that he can comply with what is required of him, instead of undergoing an examination before an installing board selected from his lodge, would, I think, be beneficial. To require this of the D. D. G. M., in addition to his other duties, might be asking too much, but if this change were made I am satisfied an improvement in our Masonic rulers each year would be seen. Many of the rural lodges own the building in which they meet,

and the investment for such made by the brethren is one of the best evidences of the love they have for the Craft. Progress in this direction is also being made by the Toronto brethren. It is to be hoped the efforts of those imbued with this desire will meet with success. It is not, in my opinion, to the credit of the Craft in this metropolitan city that their meeting places are in halls rented from some one outside the order.

The postponing of the Warden's historical lectures, and the charges of the W. M. to some future meeting is, in my opinion, becoming too frequent. In some lodges candidates are insufficiently instructed, full knowledge of even the "set" questions is not always insisted on, and the examination in the third degree is more honored in the breach than in the observance. If every candidate were thoroughly instructed, even though a less number were admitted, lodges would be establishing their future on a more solid foundation, would create in their new members a greater desire for further information, and give an impetus for more careful study and investigation in all that relates to our ancient customs and usages.

I have been pleased and favorably impressed with the efficiency of the lodge secretaries. They have shown themselves prompt in their correspondence and anxious to satisfactorily carry out their duties. The tendency is for having this important office filled with a P. M. or other well skilled brother, who would likely be permanent. Some, however, do not keep a proper record of particulars received of candidates rejected by other lodges, so that the necessary check may be kept, and evidence of the notice of rejection sent to lodges having concurrent jurisdiction is not always preserved, both of which I pointed out as very necessary. Another fact is that as much attention is not paid, as might be, to the custody and preservation of old minute books and lodge records. I advised that an inventory of such be kept by every lodge, the same as its other property, showing where they are to be found, and where any are missing that a diligent search therefor should not be delayed. There are two lodges, viz., The Beaches and Acacia, I would recommend being given concurrent jurisdiction with the Toronto lodges. Their proximity to Toronto practically brings them within the number known as city lodges.

With one exception I can confidently state that peace and harmony is prevailing in this district. As years pass on it is encouraging to note that the brethren realize that the opinion of each is entitled to consideration, and because one member of a lodge thinks different from another it is not exemplifying "brotherly love" for such other to at once say unkind things of the one who does not see "eye to eye" with him, but unselfishness, patience, and the feeling that the welfare of the lodge and the Craft is the primary object to be considered is gaining ground.

The hospitality of lodges is all that could be desired, and social intercourse between their members most cordial. The successful Master realizes that to keep the brethren, especially of a large lodge, interested, something more than the perfect exemplification of our work is required, and special functions, particularly in city lodges, are becoming more frequent. Such is to be encouraged where the expenditure is kept within the proper limit. At these gatherings, and in fact generally at our meetings, one cannot help but remark the dearth of Masonic papers open to subsequent discussion thereon, and those instructive and inspiring addresses on matters relating to the teachings and symbolism of our society that stimulates in both the young and the old a desire for further enlightenment and a closer acquaintance with those higher ideals of Masonry. The question suggests itself, are such not now appreciated, or are our Masters and Past Masters at fault? From remarks I have heard from time to time, made by brethren indicating a desire for instruction and further information, I would say it is the latter.

In perusing the annual financial statements one cannot but be struck with the small amount contributed by some lodges towards relief and benevolence compared with that spent in entertaining, more especially when you have before you the information of how poorly the appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund has been answered during the past three years.

The question of dues over 12 months in arrear still continues to give some lodges considerable trouble, and it has been necessary to call attention to it on many of my visits. I have always advocated offering inducements for payment in advance, advised the W. M. and

Secretary, particularly the latter, to give the subject close attention, the same as a successful business man would give to his accounts, suggested that the W. M. bear in mind that part of his duty is to give the brethren employment in Freemasonry with a view of keeping them interested in the work and welfare of the lodge, and by so doing secure a better attendance at the meetings, and otherwise, by tact and firmness, see that arrears are not allowed to accumulate.

It was with profound sorrow the brethren heard of the sudden and unexpected death of our late Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. His worth was recognized in this as in every other district. I was present when he was laid at rest on the 30th of November.

Several in this district have been called to their last resting place. While writing this word has come to hand of the sudden death of R. W. Bro. Harry Collins, P. D. D. G. M. of the Toronto district before it was divided. The R. W. Bro. always took an active interest in Masonic work, and his genial countenance will be missed at our gatherings. I have also heard of the following : R. W. Bro. James Bain, P. G. S. W., a member of St. Andrew's Lodge ; R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley, P. G. R., and a member of Ionic Lodge ; R. W. Bro. John H. Hetherington, P. G. R., a member of St. George's Lodge, and others whose names will appear in the proceedings to be published. Requiescant in pace.

VISITATIONS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto : One of the pioneers of Masonry, still maintains its reputation for excellent work, and is a well conducted lodge. W. Bro. J. W. Rogers has shown himself to be a capable ruler. My first visit was on Veterans' Night and the annual P. M's reunion, when R. W. Bro. Aemilius Irving gave an interesting and inspiring address as to the work of St. Andrew's lodge and its connection with the early history of the Craft, followed by one on the history of Freemasonry in Canada by M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Past Masters in this lodge, it is quite evident, do not intend to allow themselves to be considered back numbers, and many are able and willing to discharge the duties of any officer when required. I was also present

on the evening of the visit by St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, when their officers exemplified the third degree. My official visit was at the regular meeting in April, when the first degree was conferred very satisfactorily. The W. M. is accurate and impressive in his work, and all officers were perfect in their respective duties. W. Bro. Pearson is a model Secretary; dues outstanding merely nominal. Prior to this year the brethren have not heartily responded to the appeal for the S.C.B. Fund, but the W. M. reports that it is now being attended to in earnest, and he hopes will be completed very soon. The generous hospitality of this lodge is well known, no one could be but pleased. In short, the lodge is a credit to the Craft. I was also present when St. Andrew's entertained the Grand Master and the members of G. L. It was no doubt the largest gathering of G. L. officers at a communication of any subordinate lodge, and the W. M. and committee deserve credit for the successful carrying out of the reception.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I was forced to disappoint the members of this lodge, and was disappointed myself at not being able to visit them at the date first intended, namely, the regular meeting in February, but did, however, do so at their communication in May, and witnessed W. Bro. Lamon and officers give a complete and very creditable exemplification of the second degree. I offered one or two suggestions that I thought would assist in the floor work. The lodge was opened and closed in the third degree in a manner that could not but please the most exacting critic. If it could be arranged to have a musician assist I am sure it would be appreciated. Dues are in good shape, building is owned by the Craft, and is one of the best of our rural lodge rooms. R. W. Bro. Nicholls is an excellent Secretary and is a factor in the lodge's success. There was a fair attendance, with visitors from Vaughan, Toronto and other places. At the February meeting R. W. Bro. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., was present as a visitor, to assist in doing honor to the representative of the G. M., and in my absence, at the request of the W. M., kindly undertook my duties, for which I am much indebted to him. He reports that the work presented that evening, namely, the second degree, was executed in a correct and dignified manner, and agrees with me that the lodge is in an

excellent condition. Visitors were present from Newmarket, Aurora, Thornhill and Vaughan. The members are only short a few dollars in meeting the amount expected from them for the S. C. B. Fund, which I hope will be forwarded in the near future. The P. M's take an active interest in the affairs of the lodge, and the utmost harmony appears to exist. The hospitality of the brethren is well known, and future prospects good.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto : If there is one lodge more than another in which the visit of a representative of the G. M. could be dispensed with in any one year it is Ionic, if one may judge by what I saw on the two occasions it was my privilege to visit there in an official capacity, first at its regular meeting in February, when, in addition to the work performed, the G. L. regalia was presented by the lodge to the Grand Chaplain, who was also the Chaplain of the lodge, and the second time on the 5th of May, when the initiatory ceremony was impressively rendered by W. Bro. H. M. Mowat and the regular officers. The W. M. is a capable and tactful ruler. The work of the J. W. is worthy of special mention ; I never heard better. The books and records are creditable and in keeping with the lodge. A competent Treasurer no doubt accounts for the manner in which dues are so well arranged ; there are no arrears. The tenet of relief is kept well to the foreground, not only was the appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund promptly attended to when made, but the very commendable practise of passing the "charity box" among the members is carried out at every meeting, and all deserving cases calling for the exercise of those virtues, which our society teaches, are treated with that tact and promptitude that characterizes the true Masonic spirit. The attendance, though, is not as is seen in some lodges of an equal membership. This lodge has a wealth of able and distinguished P. M's, who realize their duty in looking after its welfare, and assisting the officers in extending that welcome and hospitality that I found existing on each of my visits. Financial standing good, prospects first-class.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto : My visit to this lodge was at its regular meeting in December. I was welcomed by W. Bro. Grant, whose geniality and skill is no doubt largely accountable for this lodge having another and successful year in its history. I found the

lodge room more than ordinarily decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion. Attendance 80. The first degree was exemplified, and in my subsequent remarks I congratulated the W. M. and officers on their proficiency, and the lodge on having an excellent choir. All the officers were present with the exception of the J. D., who was absent through sickness. This is another lodge that has a capable Treasurer, the arrears of dues at last financial statement being \$40.90, which have since been much reduced (the large amount charged to them in the report of my predecessor, I was told, was an error). Books of the Secretary are neatly and properly kept. I would judge, from the financial statement, that it is one of the wealthiest, if not the wealthiest, lodge in the district. There was a good attendance of P. M's present. This lodge is not deteriorating, but is progressive and active in its work. The officers assured me, in response to my appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund, that it would be taken up in earnest and the members interviewed personally. I believe that this has been done with good results. A successful banquet followed, and visitors could not but be pleased with the hospitality extended. I visited this lodge again on the 4th of May at the P. M's reunion and saw a candidate initiated. The chair was taken for the evening by W. Bro. George Massey, who has been absent for 29 years, but came from New York to be present, with R. W. Bro. Bernard Saunders as I. P. M. The Wardens' chairs were filled by W. Bro. Hugh Blain and R. W. Bro. William Simpson respectively, all veterans in the Craft. It was a memorable occasion, and W. Bro. Grant is to be congratulated on the evening's success.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87 : I had the honor of having R. W. Bro. Shaw. D. D. G. M. of District No. 11, together with several other brethren, with me when I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in January. Was welcomed by W. Bro. Dark and about 50 members. The hall is the property of the lodge, and is comfortable and commodious. The second degree was conferred. The work of the W. M. was fair, that of the S. W. good, the floor work of the other members, all of whom were present, suggested a want of practice and could be improved upon, although fairly well carried out, but what was gratifying was the desire which every officer showed of being set right in any part of the work that was not

exactly accurate. I gave the charge of the W. M., as he was not prepared with it. I was particularly pleased to see that every candidate for promotion is expected to know, not only what is ordinarily required, but also the obligation previously taken. It was done this evening. The Secretary's books are creditable. Dues in arrear seem large, \$117.00. This I referred to, and requested more attention being given to them. I was told the lodge property was insured, but could not obtain particulars. In my remarks in the lodge I explained to the brethren the needs and objects of the S. C. B. Fund, and the W. M. promised he would appoint a committee and have the brethren personally seen in regard to it, and endeavor to have the balance asked for remitted in the near future. A sumptuous repast, followed by toasts and songs, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Peace and harmony prevail. The lodge is in good financial condition, and the outlook for the future is for good work and prosperity.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Queensville: Visited this lodge on the evening of June 16th, and was welcomed by W. Bro. J. C. McFarland, the W. M. Thirty-five were present, of whom some 15 were visitors from neighboring lodges in Aurora, Newmarket and Bradford. The brethren meet in a commodious and comfortably furnished hall, which is, however, not owned by them. The first degree was exemplified, the work of the W. M. was but fair, as also in the opening and closing of the second degree. The J. W. is a bright and active worker. The work of the S. W. was satisfactory. Deacons and other officers fair. What this lodge requires is more frequent meetings of the officers for the purpose of becoming more familiar with the work, but, as the membership is scattered, and some live long distances from the hall, it has been found difficult to accomplish this. The lodge has some earnest and devoted P. M's. A heavy loss was suffered recently in the death of W. Bro. Dr. B. F. Pearson, who filled the position of Secretary so ably for some years. W. Bro. Power, however, seems to have the work well in hand as his successor, and he will no doubt give his attention to the arrears of dues, which are too large for this lodge. The S. C. B. Fund has been well received. I expect the brethren will very soon contribute the small balance required to complete the amount ex-

pected from them. Peace and harmony exist, and the prospects of the lodge are fair.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket : My official visit was made at the regular meeting in April. The evening was dull, wet, and the roads bad, but notwithstanding this I found some 40 members, including the W. M. and officers, to welcome me. The first degree was exemplified very satisfactorily by W. Bro. Morgan. He is a competent Master. The work of the officers very fair. The J. W. delivered the lecture. I assisted by giving the charge, for the same reason as above stated. R. W. Bro. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., who introduced me on entering the lodge, makes a capable Treasurer, and the books of the Secretary show that this officer is painstaking and gives careful attention to his duties. Arrears of dues are larger than they should be in this lodge, and I urged that efforts be made to reduce such. The members have not heretofore looked with great favor on the S. C. B. Fund, but I hope and feel that good results will follow from the remarks made in the lodge room on this subject by the Inspector of Benevolence, who accompanied me on this visit. I saw no evidence of the differences referred to in the report of my predecessor, but on the contrary everything indicated good feeling and harmony. Visitors were present from Aurora and Toronto, and all enjoyed the welcome extended and the good things furnished to cheer the inner man. It was a good meeting, and the future of Tuscan lodge may be said to be bright.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora : My visit to this lodge was at the regular communication in March. The attendance was not as large as no doubt it would have been had the weather been more favorable. There were 38 members present, with some visitors from Newmarket and Toronto. I witnessed the first and third degrees conferred very satisfactorily, the former by the W. M., W. Bro. Stevenson, and the latter by Past Master Birchard. I had occasion to offer a few suggestions as to the work of the officers where some slight inaccuracies were seen, but on the whole the work of both degrees was more than fairly well done. This lodge is also blessed with a competent Secretary. Arrears of dues look somewhat large, but am satisfied they will be looked after and are well in hand. The assistance which those, looking

to the brethren of this lodge for relief, received from G. L. of late years is good and sufficient cause for the members here appreciating the benefits of the S. C. B. Fund. At the time of writing the Secretary has just written me that in a few days the balance to make up \$3.00 for each member will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The lodge meets in its own commodious hall, worth about \$3,000.00, with only a trifling debt scarcely worth mentioning against it, insured for \$1,700, comfortably fitted up, and has electric lighting. One of the cosiest of our rural lodge rooms. Photographs of all the P. M's since the formation of the lodge, except one which is unobtainable, decorate the walls. Several of the P. M's take a great interest in the lodge and its affairs. All work harmoniously and seem to have but one aim, the good of the lodge and the Craft. A generous hospitality is extended to visitors. I was very much pleased with this lodge on my visit. I was invited to be present on the 24th of June, and took charge of the ceremony of installation. The prospects for the new year are good.

Richardson Lodge, No. 316, Stouffville : The attendance on my visit at the regular meeting in February was 30, including some eight visitors. The weather was accountable for this, and also for the absence of the Secretary and two of the junior officers. W. Bro. L. B. Forsyth, the W. M., exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the first and second. The work of the W. M. and officers could scarcely be called fair. He informed me he could open and close and confer the third. The J. W's lecture could have been better delivered. No member of the lodge present being familiar with the charge of the W. M., it was given by W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, who accompanied me. The books of the Secretary appear to be neatly and accurately kept. Owing to his absence I was unable to ascertain how the dues stood, or what insurance was carried. The lodge room is small, though neat and comfortable. The brethren promised to give attention to the S. C. B. Fund in answer to my remarks on it in the lodge, but it is in need of some brother who has the interest of the project at heart to take it in hand. This lodge is apparently suffering from lack of the W. M. and officers meeting more frequently with a desire to perfect themselves in their work and in the general management of the lodge, which I pointed out

on my visit. It is sound financially. I did not see any elements of discord, the brethren are hospitable and extend the glad hand to visitors, and I am in hopes that if the suggestions I made are adopted the future will be bright and hopeful.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto : My first visit to this lodge was at the election of officers, which passed off harmoniously. I addressed the brethren on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund. I was present on the night of installation, and assisted M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, who came from Montreal, to perform that ceremony. The lodge is greatly indebted to W. Bro. J. H. Horswell for his indefatigable work in the chair for the year 1907, which they suitably recognized at this meeting. My official visit was at the regular meeting in April. Attendance good at this and previous meetings. R. W. Bro. John Watson is the W. M. He and the officers worked the first degree in a fairly creditable manner, which, however, could be improved upon by a little more attention to detail. During the past year a large number has been added to the membership roll ; there were more initiated than, in my opinion, a lodge can do justice to in one year. The Secretary is a painstaking officer, his books are very satisfactory. Dues are in fair condition. The brethren are hospitable and visitors are made welcome. The future of this lodge is brighter than for some time past. The honored name that this lodge bears is no doubt a stimulus to the members to make it worthy of it. I am in hopes that the brethren will give the attention to the S. C. B. Fund it deserves, although I have seen no visible evidence of it this year. The assistance given by G. L. in late years to cases requiring relief, and recommended by the lodge, should be the best proof to them of its being a worthy project.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge : I found some 50 members present when I visited this lodge at the regular meeting in December. R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould was in charge. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Outside of the W. M., whose work I am not able to speak of, as he was not present. I found the officers of this lodge enthusiastic and accurate workers. The books of the Secretary are exceedingly well kept and are a model of neatness. V. W. Bro. Nutting kindly offered to exemplify the third degree, but, owing to the

hour being late, and knowing that he was an accurate worker, I did not ask him to do so, but suggested that the time be taken in an address to the brethren on the S. C. B. Fund, as very few in this lodge had contributed to it. This was done by R. W. Bro. Nixon, who accompanied me, and by myself. I fear, however, our efforts were not as successful as I could wish. Some of the P. M's, and also some of the brethren, do not view this project with favor, and do not approve of the centralization of charitable work, but believe in each lodge looking after and attending wholly to its own needy and distressed, which they claim this lodge does. I hope they may never have the number of serious cases for relief that exist in some rural lodges to test their adherence to this principle. The hall in which the lodge meets is rented for ten years, with privilege of renewal, and is comfortable and suitable for their needs. There are no arrears of dues reported, no liabilities, and the financial condition is healthy. There is a good attendance of P. M's, and the prospects for the future are good. The newly elected W. M., W. Bro. Ormiston, I am confident will be a successful Master. The hospitality of the Zeredatha brethren is well known, and I can say without hesitation that a Masonic welcome is extended to visitors.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: This lodge had only been nicely settled in their new hall when I paid my official visit at their regular meeting in April. The bad condition of the roads was no doubt accountable for the small attendance of twenty members and four visitors, but, though few in number, their enthusiasm was strong and welcome most cordial. W. Bro. Patterson, the W. M., with his officers, satisfactorily exemplified the first degree, and also the second, the latter not quite so accurately. The Wardens gave their respective lectures, and I assisted by delivering the charges. I suggested to the officers that they were in need of more frequent meetings together for the purpose of perfecting themselves in their work, especially in that of the second. The long distance, however, which some have to come, makes this somewhat difficult. The W. M. assured me that he could confer the third. All the members are very enthusiastic, and I feel confident that now that they are in their new and commodious quarters this lodge will take a more prominent place among the rural lodges of this district

than it has in the past. The new building erected by them shows the earnestness of the brethren and their desire to maintain their position as part of our honorable society. They promised to take up the S. C. B. Fund in the near future, but building work has no doubt taken all their spare money of late. This lodge has an excellent Secretary, who attends to the question of dues. It is in a sound condition financially, and the future promising. A pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table. I left the brethren of Brougham Union with a deep feeling of respect for the good work they are doing, and that the future will see a marked advancement.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto : I visited this lodge first on the 15th of November, when the third degree was exemplified. This meeting was honored by a visit from the M. W. the G. M., and also by the W. M. and about 100 members of Washington Lodge, Buffalo. The banquet subsequently was *recherche*, and no detail was omitted to make the evening pleasant and entertaining for those present. My official visit was at the regular meeting in March, their Irish night, and the attendance of members and visitors was large—about 250. The hall was tastefully decorated. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bilger, W. M. for 1908, and his officers, assisted by the choir, in a very satisfactory and impressive manner. There could be nothing but praise to say in regard to it. The lodge has a competent Secretary, whose books are quite satisfactory. I would like to see the S. C. B. Fund receive better attention than it has in the past in this lodge. The W. M. promised that it would, and satisfactory results may be seen in the near future. The subsequent entertainment was in keeping with the occasion. Was present again at the regular meeting in June and witnessed the first degree conferred by the W. M. equally as well as the one above mentioned. Doric is a good lodge with an honorable record. Unfortunately, at present, there is a want or that harmony and brotherly love, that should always dwell in a Masonic lodge, and the exercise of the black ball has been frequent of late, but the W. M. is earnestly and conscientiously endeavoring to smooth over and adjust all dissatisfaction. It has P. M's whose aid, I feel confident, will materially assist the Master and officers in strengthening its financial position and in reaching that high standing which its

numbers, energy and hospitality entitles it.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto : My first visit to this lodge was at its regular meeting in November, when the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Redford, assisted by his officers and P. M's in an accurate and very satisfactory manner. I visited it again officially at its regular meeting in March. W. Bro. Harvey Lloyd, the W. M., was in charge, and I witnessed the initiatory degree conferred in an impressive and creditable style. He is well supported by his officers, who take an active interest in their work. The Secretary is competent, and his books show it. Arrears of dues are somewhat less this year than last, but it would be better if they were still less. I urged attention being given to this, and also that the contribution to the S. C. B. Fund, expected from the members of this lodge, be completed, which the W. M. promised would be done. The lodge room is leased, but well appointed. The membership is large, the regular attendance very fair, and good feeling and harmony exists. In this, as in all prosperous lodges, the P. M's take an active interest in its affairs. The hospitality of Orient is always generous, and in no lodge that I know of do visitors feel more at home. It was a pleasant evening and the condition and prospects are encouraging.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto : This lodge has been reported upon favorably by my predecessors for some years back. It is undoubtedly a good lodge and has a competent ruler. The W. M., besides enjoying a well merited popularity, is imbued with a desire to deserve well of his lodge, and his lodge appreciates his efforts. I was present and saw W. Bro. Shaver initiate his son on October 5th in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. Although this was his first meeting after being installed, the work was particularly well done. My first visit of inspection at the regular meeting in February was most satisfactory. The first degree was conferred by the W. M. accurately and impressively with suitable musical accompaniment. The work of the Wardens and other officers was creditable, and the floor work executed with due attention to detail. The lodge has an efficient Secretary, and his books are neatly and accurately kept. The arrears of dues are larger than usual, but are well in hand, and the S. C. B. Fund has been energetically attended to with, I feel con-

fidant, good results. With a healthy treasury, active and increasing membership, principally young men, good average attendance, prompt and accurate attention to its business and the ceremonial work, there is little doubt but that prosperity will continue. The hall is in the central part of the city, is leased, well furnished, but outside accommodation somewhat limited. The hospitality of the brethren is in keeping with the other characteristics of the lodge. Both of my visits were most enjoyable.

Brock Lodge, No. 354. Cannington : I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in December, accompanied by several brethren from Toronto, and was heartily welcomed by the W. M. and about 60 members. An examination of the register shows good average attendance. The first degree was exemplified by the W. M. in a manner seldom excelled. The J. W. is a bright worker, and the work of the other officers fair. W. Bro. Kift fulfills the duties of Secretary in an able manner. The S. C. B. Fund has been well received by the brethren of this lodge, and the full amount asked from them, viz., \$190. I am informed, has been remitted to the Grand Secretary. Dues are not in arrear to any great extent, and lodge property is insured. This lodge is in a satisfactory condition, and is doing good work. I was royally entertained by the brethren after the lodge closed, and had abundant evidence that Brock members know how, not only to enjoy themselves, but to be hospitable to their visitors.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto : This lodge is having a prosperous year : substantial progress is being made. It meets at present in Occident Hall, corner of Queen and Bathurst streets, occupying the rooms jointly with other lodges, but is part owner of the furniture. It is this year taking the initiatory in having the Craft in the western part of the city erect a hall of their own for Craft purposes. I was present at the installation of the W. M. and investiture of the officers by the M. W. the G. M., and assisted in the ceremony. The new W. M., W. Bro. Connon, has shown himself an industrious and untiring Master, and the lodge is making good progress under his management. At its regular meeting in April I visited officially and witnessed the first degree conferred in a very satisfactory manner by the W. M. and officers. The musical service imparted additional interest to the ceremony. Each did his respective duty creditably, and no

inspecting officer could ask for more correct work than what was seen here. The charge was given by W. Bro. Nelson, P. M. This lodge also took part in the Lodge of Instruction held in October, and exemplified the second degree in such a manner as to silence criticism. It possesses an energetic and painstaking Secretary, whose books I found as to neatness and correctness were everything that could be desired. The large amount of dues outstanding was the only blot to be seen. I urged that efforts be made to reduce this, and also that attention be given to the S. C. B. Fund, both of which I was assured would be done. The fact appearing in the last financial statement of this lodge that \$239.68 was expended for charity in 1907 shows that this tenet is not overlooked in St. George. The brethren are kind and hospitable and every courtesy is shown to visitors. Good feeling and harmony apparently exist, and the future of the lodge is promising.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto : This lodge now meets in Occident Hall, occupying the same rooms as St. George and two other lodges. Being a charter member, I was present at the greater number of its meetings. At its regular communication on the 25th of October I was specially honored with a reception, and was greeted by a large attendance of the lodge members as well as several personal friends attached to other lodges. It was a splendid gathering, and I appreciated it. I was requested and took charge of the installation ceremony at the regular meeting in December. This lodge exemplified the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction in October in a manner creditable to itself and satisfactory to those attending. It is financially sound, and has a bright future, due in a large measure to the energy and enthusiasm of the Past Masters and members who have attached themselves to it during the past ten or twelve years and the love they have for it. During the first five years of its life it was considered one of the best worked lodges in the district, and was so reported, but the set back from the severe treatment it received shortly thereafter took time to overcome. The lodge has, however, shaken itself free from all cliques, and the future is more promising than at any time in its history. Not that I did not feel free to report on the work and present condition of the lodge of which I am a member, but that

Grand Lodge might have an independent one, I requested R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt to accompany me on my official visit at the regular meeting in April and perform the duties which otherwise would have devolved on myself, and for which I desire to thank him. The following is what he says : "R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell requested me to accompany him on his official visit of inspection of his mother lodge, Zeta, assume his duties and make a report in as few words as possible. I have never been called upon to perform a more pleasant or a less onerous duty. When I say that everything pertaining to Zeta lodge is healthy and wholesome I have said all that is necessary. Its growth is healthy and permanent, and the tone of the lodge is wholesome. During the past year twenty-one candidates were initiated ; six affiliated. The active membership is now 237. I have just been informed that \$367.00 were paid into the Semi-Centennial Fund, making a total of \$552.00, the full amount asked for from members of this lge. In addition, the lodge expended \$79.00 in charity. \$1,530.00 stands to the credit of the lodge in the bank. The first degree was worked during the evening, and no fault could be found with the W. M. or any of the officers. Zeta is also essentially a social lodge ; outsiders are heartily welcomed and given special attention during the fourth degree. I have been at many meetings at Zeta Lodge and have always left with a feeling of satisfaction and a desire to visit the lodge again. R. W. Bro. Cavell, during his term of office as D. D. G. M., has earned a reputation for carefulness and thoroughness. These qualities are prominent in the work and proceedings of his Mother Lodge. W. Bro. F. W. Matthews, during his year of office, lived up to the high standard of efficiency attained by his predecessors."

Doric Lodge, No. 424. Pickering : This lodge finds it difficult to make the progress which the energy and enthusiasm of the members merit, and which would be made had it been situated in a more thriving locality. During this year it has lost some five or six of its active workers from removals, and acceptable new material is slow in applying. Its vitality, however, is truly Masonic, and the energy of the brethren will no doubt prevent these removals from giving evidence of decay. It occupies a hall which is leased and nicely furnished. I

visited the lodge twice, and the second time I noticed more progress than the first. There were ten members present on my first visit in November, which is a little below the average. It was the night of the election of officers, which passed off harmoniously. W. Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper and officers worked the second degree very satisfactorily. lecture and charge both well delivered. The second visit was at the regular meeting in May. W. Bro. I. Gormley was in charge. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in an accurate manner, and I congratulated the W. M. and officers on the work presented for inspection. The officers are energetic and aim to be perfect in their parts, and I found a very loyal feeling existing between the officers and members. The Secretary's books are well attended to, and the arrears of dues are small. I am in hopes that the S. C. B. Fund will receive attention in time. The brethren are equally as attentive to the comfort and entertainment of visitors after labor as they are in the lodge, and the pleasant hour at the refreshment table was enjoyed here as fully as in any lodge. The future is bright and hopeful.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto : This lodge enjoys a membership of 136, and its regular meetings are well attended. During the past year the roll was slightly increased, and the prospects are for a busy future. The hall is leased, is well furnished and commodious, but the members hope to have one of their own before long. I have already mentioned that it should have concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, which, if granted, would add to its advancement and growth. It was at the regular meeting of the lodge in March that I visited officially, and was heartily welcomed by W. Bro. Hunter, the W. M., and about 75 members and 25 visitors. He conferred the first degree in a correct and very satisfactory manner, assisted by musical accompaniment. The J. W. delivered the historical lecture in a style that commanded attention, but the floor work could be improved by more careful attention. The books are in the hands of an efficient Secretary and are neatly and correctly kept. There are too many of the brethren, however, permitted to run behind in their dues, and more attention should be paid to this very important feature to insure permanent success. Harmony and good feeling seem to prevail, and every one appears desirous of assisting in every way that

he can towards the success of the lodge. The W. M. informs me that there are some in the lodge who have never held office, but who can work any part of any of the degrees. Some of the P. M's have been regular attendants for years back without missing a meeting, and take an active interest in its affairs. \$100 has been spent in charity during the year, but the appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund has not received as good a response as it should in the past. This, however, the W. M. promised would receive his energetic and prompt attention. The courtesy and kindness extended to visitors is particularly well noticed, and we all appreciated fully the hospitality provided.

The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach, East Toronto : This is one of the progressive lodges of the district. Situated near the lake a short distance east of the city limits, in a bright, airy, comfortable hall of its own, cosy and well furnished, correct and well executed work is seen to better advantage than when the surroundings are less inviting. I was present at their Canadian night, and saw two candidates receive the first degree at the hands of W. Bro. McCurrah and officers in the way it should be conferred, and which was very much enhanced by the excellent choir possessed by the lodge. Excellent speeches, appropriate to the occasion, were made by able and distinguished visiting brethren at the inviting banquet subsequently tendered. At the regular meeting in March I made my official visit, and was welcomed by W. Bro. R. J. W. Barker, the W. M. for 1908. He is one of the most genial and energetic Masters of this city, and is a favorite in his lodge. He exemplified the first degree in a manner no one could find fault with, assisted by his officers, all of whom were efficient, and by the choir of the lodge. The candidate was the Rev. Bro. McIntyre, who, from what I saw, will no doubt be a valuable acquisition to the lodge and to Masonry. The books of the Secretary are quite satisfactory. Arrears of dues do not exist, and the Benevolent Fund will no doubt be attended to. This lodge has great elements of prosperity and strength. The brethren are kind and hospitable. Everyone insists on doing all he can for his lodge. Friendship and brotherly love are practised as well as taught. The future of this lodge is first-class.

In conclusion I desire to sincerely thank the brethren

for their many kind acts and assistance given me during my term, more particularly I would like to mention R. W. Bros. W. H. Shaw, J. B. Nixon, James Glanville, George Tait, F. W. Harcourt, D. A. Radcliffe, R. W. Hull ; V. W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, H. T. Smith, and W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, P. T. Lee, Frank Saunders, D. Grigg, E. Barber. and Bro. Anderson and others, who at considerable sacrifice accompanied me on one or more of my visits and assisted in making them more cheerful and entertaining. I have endeavored to do my duty faithfully and conscientiously and to merit the honor conferred. Errors no doubt have been made, but over these I trust the mantle of charity will be cast—they were unintentional.

The year has been a pleasant one, and the many new friends made and old acquaintances renewed will long be remembered.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. CAVELL, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto East District No. 11A.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11a, from June 9th, 1907, to June 9th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership, con- fered		AFFILIATIONS.										Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, R. P. U.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.							No. of members 12 months in arrears.	
16	St. Andrew	Toronto.....	373	20	19	15	12	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	361 40	8	\$ 36 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	Trust
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill.....	46	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	8 00	5	11 25	July, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	\$550 00
25	Ionie	Toronto.....	283	16	12	9	6	10	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	55 00	30	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	Trust	
75	St. John's	Toronto.....	296	6	17	18	12	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	14 00	14	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
87	Markin Un.	Markham.....	74	8	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	31 00	45	June 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00	
97	Sharon	Queensville.....	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	75 00	10	June 26, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	250 00	
100	Sharon	Newmarket.....	84	7	7	7	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	25 75	9	June 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
139	Rising Sun	Aurora.....	94	5	7	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	25 00	4	Dec. 24, '08	Good	Good	No	1700 00	
235	Richardson	Stouffville.....	232	40	6	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	128 00	25	June 24, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00	
289	Sevenoak	Toronto.....	481	14	13	12	5	9	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	102 00	4	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
316	Brook in U.	Chermon.....	345	38	8	14	16	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	12 50	4	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Fair	No	500 00	
329	Doric	Toronto.....	335	38	8	14	16	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	12 50	4	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	1750 00	
333	Doric	Toronto.....	335	38	8	14	16	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	12 50	4	June, 1907	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust	
339	Doric	Toronto.....	335	38	8	14	16	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	12 50	4	June, 1907	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust	
343	Georgina	Toronto.....	241	21	27	23	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	83 75	13	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
344	Brook	Caoning-on.....	62	2	7	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	40 00	5	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
367	St. George	Toronto.....	308	19	22	24	27	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	180 00	21	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
410	Zeta	Toronto.....	237	15	31	17	17	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	75 00	19	June, 1908	Good	Excellent	Yes	1200 00	
424	Doric	Pickering.....	43	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	10 00	4	Feb. 16, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	375 00	
430	Acacia	East Toronto.....	136	9	10	12	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	100 00	21	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
473	The Beech's	East Toronto.....	12	29	20	12	19	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	97 42	1	Dec., 1907	Good	Excellent	Yes	1000 00	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the current year, am pleased to say it is in a very satisfactory condition.

The lodges are all in a sound financial condition. The work done by all of them is good, and by many of them almost beyond criticism. Harmony and a fraternal spirit exists throughout the district, and, altogether, I believe District No. 12 never was in a more flourishing condition. I am proud to say that the Semi-Centennial Fund was heartily responded to by the great majority of the brethren, and notwithstanding the few lodges who so far have failed to do their duty in this matter, our average is among the best in the jurisdiction. I talked Semi-Centennial Fund at all my official visits and I have reason to believe that with a little perseverance on the part of the masters and others the full quota will be paid in this district.

Early in the term I held a lodge of instruction under the auspices of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77. Lindsay, on which occasion the Grand Lodge dedicated their new hall, of which the Lindsay brethren may justly be proud.

The first degree was exemplified by Harding Lodge, Woodville, the second by Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, and the third by North Entrance Lodge, Haliburton.

The work done by the above lodges was of a high order, and left little room for criticism.

At the close of the work by each lodge many points were brought up for discussion, and decided by the Grand Master and our late Grand Secretary, who said he never attended a better meeting in the district.

At the conclusion of the work a banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren by Faithful Brethren Lodge, and the fourth degree was worked out in a manner that satisfied the hungry desires of every brother present.

My most sincere thanks are due to the brethren who assisted with the work, and especially to the Lindsay brethren, for our hearty reception and liberal entertainment.

I cannot too highly recommend the holding of a lodge of instruction by every D.D.G.M., and especially at the beginning of the term. I am fully persuaded that it made my work easy at all my official visits which followed. I believe every lodge in the district was represented in the lodge of instruction, and, as a result, had their work revised or corrected where necessary before I visited them, which made it much more pleasant for both them and me. As to my official visits, I do not think it prudent to single out any lodge or officer, or to burden you with a detailed account of each visit, as what I have already said applies to the whole district. Suffice it to say that I found every master able to do his work and every lodge prosperous and harmonious.

Certainly there were a few criticisms to be made, and some slight errors to be pointed out and recommendations to be made, all of which were well received, and I have every reason to believe would be carried out. I might say that I saw degree work done by all the lodges except two.

The evening I visited Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklyn, was so stormy that not a sufficient number turned out to do the work. However, from what I learned from the brethren who braved the storm and assembled at their hall, I am satisfied the work done by them is of no mean order. I regret that the brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield, were unfortunate in having to give up their hall early in the year, and were not successful in securing new quarters till very recently, consequently no work was done by them during the term. However, I trust they will soon get going again and make up for lost time.

In conclusion, let me say I thoroughly appreciate the kindness shown me throughout the district and the assistance rendered by the masters, past masters, and right worshipful brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. WILLIAMSON, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 19, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem-ber-ship.	Degree's confd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 18 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.										l. total.	l. total.								
30	Composite.	Whitby	75	4	4	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	93	\$43 00	3	\$ 59 25	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	\$ 500 00	
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	44	8	7	0	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	16	40 00	7	103 00	Dec., 1907	V. y Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
77	F. Brethren	Lindsay	104	14	14	13	16	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	3	17	16	36 20	16	85 00	June 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
139	L. haun	Orawa	103	11	14	6	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	25 00	9	140 25	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
248	Verulum	Hoboyageon	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	00	140 25	Dec., 1907	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
270	Cedar	Orawa	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	00	00	140 25	Dec., 1906	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	77	8	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	17	00	00	76 75	Dec., 1906	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
408	The Spy	Perseus Falls	62	9	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	15	00	00	18 24	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
426	Murray	Heaverton	94	4	2	0	7	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	82	00	49	75 00	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
429	Fidelity	Port Perry	23	3	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	00	00	83 25	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
440	Archie	Minden	56	6	4	6	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	30	00	10 00	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
451	Somerville	Kimount	34	0	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	14	00	00	6 00	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
463	N. Entr'nce	Hallburton	53	9	6	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	13	14	14	00	00	35 75	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
464	King t.d.w.	Sunderland	477																					Yes	800 00		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in the 13th Masonic District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. George Drewry, of United Lodge, No. 29, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. W. H. Ebersole, District Chaplain. To these brethren I desire to express my appreciation of their readiness at all times to render any assistance in their power in the carrying on of the work devolving upon me.

Having knowledge of the very high standing of the Masonic lodges in the district, ritualistically speaking, I determined to place before the brethren my idea of the teachings of Masonry as indicated in the three degrees of the Blue lodge. My addresses pointed out as clearly as possible the life that a Mason should morally lead, and that the principles were such that a brother following them would be in close touch with the teachings of the sermon on the Mount, which includes the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

THE GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

It is with feelings of regret that I am unable to report the success in this line that I desired. My predecessors, all able and true brethren since its inception, did noble work, but owing to some prejudice regarding the fund, the lodges as a whole have not responded to the call, although all admit that the cause is a worthy one. Only one lodge, Colborne, No. 91, has paid its full quota. A number in the district have resolved to pay part this year, and I trust that since the leaven has begun to work that all will eventually meet the requirements of Grand Lodge.

In the month of December, 1907, the following reminder was sent to each lodge :

My Dear Sir and Brother :

This is the season of good cheer and good will towards mankind is general. The homes, churches and all institutions that aim at the betterment of man and the uplifting of his fallen nature are filled with the spirit of kindness, love and benevolence. Will not the members of Prince Edward Masonic District No. 13 respond at the Yule time season to the call made by Grand Lodge for the Benevolent Fund of \$100,000, and place our district where it belongs, among the first in practising the Masonic principles taught us in the northeast angle of the lodge. Wishing you a prosperous and Happy Masonic year. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. A. LAPP, D. D. G. M.

It is a pleasure to state that harmony exists throughout the district, that brotherly love prevails. and that relief is practised whenever needed in act as well as in spirit.

I feel deeply grateful to the brethren for the very kind manner in which they received my official visits. Everything was done to facilitate the work and to gain from the visit that which would elevate and promulgate the principles of Masonry.

The Past Masters have not ceased in good works, but have ever shown a commendable spirit. I would be remiss in my Masonic thankfulness if I did not express my gratefulness to R. W. Bro. Morgan for his kindness in visiting United Lodge, No. 29. His address was fraught with Masonic teaching ; R. W. Bros. Webb, Ponton. O'Flynn, Pringle, Wright, Shaw and Webster. The latter, though past the allotted age of man, worked part of the first degree on one of my visits to Belleville, in a very creditable manner. I thank them for their good will, brotherly love and encouragement. May they long be spared as beacon lights to the Craft of Prince Edward District.

THE LODGES.

It is not my intention to deal at length with each of the lodges, but I feel that brief reference is in place.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, and Consecon, No. 50, possesses excellent traits of good fellowship.

St. John, No. 17, Cobourg, is in a progressive condition. W. Bro. Bickle is a noteworthy Chaplain. V. W. Bro. Buck, as Secretary, keeps things moving.

Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington, and Prince Edward, No. 18, Picton, are unique in entertaining. The ladies of the Anglican church in each case prepared and served the eatables, and at the former they remained throughout the evening. A magnetic welcome is awaiting every visitor.

Tweed, No. 239 : Well attended, good banquet, excellent addresses by the members and visiting brethren. Rev. Bro. Dixon's address caught the spirit of the occasion.

Golden Rule, No. 126, Campbellford, is likely to be one of the largest lodges in the district in the near future outside of Belleville or Picton. This lodge held an "at home," which I had the privilege of attending, that indicated prosperity.

Craig, No. 401, Deseronto, founded by R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada. This was the minister's outing, four being present, W. Bro. Rural Dean Dibb, Napanee ; Bro. Rev. C. W. DeMille, Napanee ; Bro. Rev. Strike, Deseronto, and Bro. Rev. Craig, Kingston.

Marmora, No. 222 : A Burns menu card and toast list, prepared by Bro. Dr. Mackenzie, an evening of pleasure and profit long to be remembered. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I. P. M. by R. W. Bro. Lapp.

Madoc, No. 48 : The good Samaritan was W. Bro. Eagleson. An excellent banquet, followed by scholarly addresses.

Bancroft, U. D. : Hail fellows well met. Prosperous. Excellent Masonic spirit. The advancement is self-evident.

Percy, No. 161, Warkworth. Generous and broad-minded. One of the few lodges that emulate perfection.

Frank, No. 127, Frankford : A true Masonic gathering. R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson was there and rendered valuable assistance.

Colborne, No. 91 : Fiftieth anniversary, well attended ; an elevating spirit. Semi-Centennial Fund paid in full.

United, No. 29, Brighton : A happy gathering. Colborne, No. 91, well represented.

Stirling, No. 69 : Quiet, but thoughtful. Opportunities large. Conservative, but increasing.

Trent, No. 38, Trenton : Have added a banquet hall this year. Reserved, but the true Masonic spirit came from the East, and under the guidance of their Secretary Trent will not err.

Belleville, Eureka, No. 283 ; The Belleville, No. 123 ; Moira, No. 11 : All have superlative qualities, spacious rooms, excellent banquets, inspiring music, elevating addresses. A very pleasing "at home" was given during the year.

The names of the fraternal dead will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS.

The district needs, not greater charity, but greater thoughtfulness for the future. Semi-Centennial Fund.

Greater discretion should be exercised in admitting members to the secrets of the order.

Less criticism, but more abundant brotherly love.

The ballot is sacred, and no personal feeling should be permitted to influence one in balloting.

A good citizen should make a good Mason.

Election of officers on one night in the same month of the year, June or December, would be a great aid to the D. D. G. M.

Remember to uphold one's character in his absence as you would in his presence.

In conclusion I beg to say that the present members of this Prince Edward Masonic District No. 13 merit the esteem of all their brethren throughout Christendom. The wisdom of their deliberations marks their worth, and will record their virtues for the imitation of succeeding generations. How then shall that chord be touched which carries vibrations to the very heart of the writer? How name the sundering of a relation so interwoven with the affections and strengthened by time? Nothing in the composition of man is more exquisitely tender than that sensibility arising from the pure friendship of the heart. It is this which touches the very springs of life.

A change in relation which is near at hand, however, cannot change that ardor of affection which warms this bosom. May I therefore indulge the sanguine hope that my brethren will accept these affections and bear them in the secret chambers of their hearts. Will they cast the

mantle of Masonic charity over the frailties of life. Will they accept the sincere desire to subserve the true interests of Freemasonry and forget the weakness or imbecility of the attempt.

The sweet remembrance that I may still live in the memory and share in the affections of my brethren will cheer the most pensive hour of my life. Surely we are brethren, and cannot forget the endearing name. May we therefore all have true wisdom to look forward and contemplate with composure and sincerity of mind the close of mortal life and the opening scenes of an immortal existence, and finally may we all be prepared to meet again and rejoice together in a world of pure and sublime happiness where friendship will be perfect and love without alloy.

It was suggested by one of the speakers of Moira Lodge, Belleville, that the following paper, which was gleaned from those well versed in the governing principles of the Craft, and expressing their views as well as those of every member of the Order, should form part of this report. I therefore append the same :

"The honorable institution, of which you are members, lays claim to great merit as well as high antiquity. In every age of the world, and almost every country, Masonry has met with distinguished patronage. Not only men of great intellectual powers and eminent science, but many clothed with the highest civil authority, have been hearty and zealous advocates. Not a few, also, distinguished for their piety and devotion, whose virtues have adorned their age, and whose names will descend to posterity as the friends and benefactors of mankind, have gone before you in the long trodden path of Masonry.

"Such has been that illustrious succession of the guardians of the institution, whose vigilance and care have been constantly exercised in preserving in their purity from age to age, whose principles are now committed to your charge. Through your hands are they to descend to succeeding generations. How sacred is that deposit committed to you, in trust for future ages.

"In view of the origin and true nature of the institution, its high importance to the world, the sacredness of its principles, its harmonizing influence and the whole excellence of the system whether it be considered in a

historical, benevolent, moral or religious point, your minds must be solemnly affected and your hearts seriously engaged to maintain the purity of its precepts, not only as a plain and reasonable duty, but as examples worthy to be imitated by those who shall receive the administration from your hands. In view of such high responsibility you cannot be insensible that the greatest caution, wisdom and prudence are indispensibly necessary, as respects the present celebrity, and future usefulness of Speculative Freemasonry.

"Seeing your profession is built on a tried foundation, you stand solemnly pledged to the world to maintain the cause of truth against all the assaults of vice or the inroads of error. Your several lodges are, or ought to be, so many temples of virtue and schools of moral and religious instruction. Each individual is, or ought to be, a watchful sentinel over the happiness of mankind. Ever on the alert to rescue injured innocence or avert impending danger.

"Such, however, is the state of the world, and such the unhappy lot of all Institutions, that none have been preserved free from the unhallowed tread of unworthy members. Even in Thy little family, O blessed Immanuel, was a betraying Judas. Nor is Thy sacred table always surrounded by sanctified hearts. Although that is a sore evil, and greatly to be lamented, yet from the nature of man it cannot be wholly prevented in our present state. Much, however, may be done to remedy this general evil.

"Let it therefore be remembered and written, as with sunbeams on the heart of each Mason, that the harmony and happiness of your assemblies, and your true enjoyment as individuals, do not, cannot depend on your numbers, but on the real intrinsic worth, the virtue, the integrity and the moral excellence of your members. This is a great point as respects the unity and fellowship of Masonic brethren. You are, therefore, under solemn obligations to make a full and thorough examination as to the true character of those who present themselves for the benefits of your order. Here is a point never to be left unguarded. All the internal social friendship and happiness of your communications vitally depend upon it. Let the world know assuredly, if any individual desires admittance to your privileges, that the square of

justice and the plumb-line of rectitude must fit his character for that important place. Let it be well understood that vice is not to be winked at, that the doors of your lodge can never be open for the reception of even a doubtful character, that the sanctity of the Institution is not to be trampled under foot by the profane, that the precepts of Masonry present an insurmountable barrier against every immoral person.

"Should an unworthy person, however, gain admittance within the veils of your Sanctorum, remember something ought immediately to be done. Adopt all probable and proper means to mend his heart, correct his habits, improve his virtue and establish his good character. Persuade him to practice virtue from the love of it. Remember that not only a visible and manifest reformation must be effected, but one that is real and genuine such as shall be deemed satisfactory by every unprejudiced brother. But in case of non-compliance or wilful obstinacy by open violation of Masonic principles, such an one must be expelled. The purity of the system itself does demand it, and the peace and harmony of the lodge imperiously require it. A just and righteous discipline must be maintained or the institution necessarily fails of its great object.

"In relation to Masonic discipline, we all know it is too remiss. Members are sometimes suffered to transgress and pass with impunity. Each individual excuses himself on the ground that it will be more proper, or attended with more salutary consequences, for some other brother to enter the complaint. In this way it is sometimes finally neglected, so that what is everyone's duty is eventually performed by none.

"To remedy this evil each lodge should by an article in its by-laws, constitute their three first officers ex officio a standing committee, whose duty it should be made, in all cases within their knowledge, to take cognizance of un-Masonic conduct and report offenders to their lodge. To promote the happiness and well being of mankind is a great object of speculative Freemasonry. In carrying into effect an object of such magnitude, no expedient, wise and prudent in its nature, should be left untried. Brethren, you have heard some of the general outlines of this great body. You have seen how numerous, solemn and interesting are the considerations in-

volved in our profession. You, as Masons, being well informed, can look back and see in how great a variety of instances, the moral state of the world has been benefited by the existence of this ancient association. Go on, brethren, in the pathway of virtue.

“Do good, and to communicate forget not.”

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. A. LAPP, D. D. G. M.,

Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem-ber-ship		Degree's		M. M.	Meet-ings held.										Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Owing to the death of our esteemed D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. George S. Johnston, which occurred at Forfar, Ont., May 29th last, I was appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to take his place for the balance of the Masonic year. In the death of R. W. Bro. Johnston the district has lost one of its brightest minds. He was an able and ready speaker, and made a marked impression while visiting the several lodges. His addresses were of a practical nature, and one could not listen to them without being benefited. With his ability and ambition a bright future was in store for him, but the Great Architect of the Universe ruled otherwise. Bro. Johnston leaves a widow and three children. His funeral was largely attended by Masons from Brockville, Athens, Delta, Seeley's Bay, Gananoque and Kingston. The ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. Preston, of Simpson Lodge, Newboro, of which lodge Bro. Johnston was W. M. for four successive years. R. W. Bro. Johnston visited all the lodges in the district with the exception of his mother lodge, Simpson, No. 157, Newboro, and Cataraqui, No. 92, Kingston.

DISPENSATION.

A dispensation for a new lodge at Arden was granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, and under instructions from the Grand Secretary I proceeded to Arden and organized St. Andrew's Lodge. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Shaw, Nicolls, Minnes, W. Bro. Minnes, of Kingston, and many brethren from Tamworth and Tweed. A very neat and comfortable new lodge has been built, and it is the intention of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge to use it exclusively for Masonic purposes. The membership is composed of good material, and although few

in number, I think the business will be conducted with wisdom and discretion. The Secretary, Bro. Andrew, is an old and tried Mason, and although about 80 years of age, is bright intellectually, and will prove a wise counsellor for the younger members. I predict a healthy future for the new born infant, St. Andrew.

The following are reports of the visits made to the lodges by our late D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Johnston. They were forwarded to me by Mrs. Johnston.

Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, No. 228 : I visited this lodge on November the 7th. Owing to the unfavorable weather the attendance was not large. I was pleased to see a number of Past Masters present. The officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in an almost faultless manner. I was pleased to note that the officers almost to a man are regular in attendance at the meetings.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee : I visited this lodge on the evening of November the 8th. There was a fair turnout of the members, including a number of visitors. The officers conferred the third degree in a very efficient manner. Their beautiful suite of rooms, the furniture, crude material upon which to work cannot be excelled in the district. No fear may be felt for the future of Union No. 9. I received a very hearty welcome from all.

Maple Leaf, No. 119, Bath : I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of November 11th. The attendance was fair, which would have been much larger had I paid my visit at a later date, as a number of the brethren are sailors, and at that season of the year were on the lakes. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner commendable of the highest praise. I found the W. M. well skilled in his work. The brethren have taken up the discussion on points of Masonry, which is creating enthusiasm with such efficient Past Masters as W. Bros. North, More and Armstrong. The lodge is bound to continue to do good work and prosper. She is increasing in membership very rapidly.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith : I visited this lodge on November 12th, 1907. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. The W. M. and Wardens are well up in their work. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Guinnis, a charter member of Albion lodge, and one of the oldest members of the Craft

in the district, being over sixty years a Mason. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh : Visited on November 13th. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Longmore and Aylesworth. Bro. Aylesworth is the Secretary, and a very efficient officer. The W. M., W. Bro. E. Gaudier, and his officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner. A pleasing instance of true Masonic principles was shown in the spontaneous manner in which they upheld V. W. Bro. Beaman for securing the services of a nurse for an afflicted brother. A number of visiting brethren were present. I wish to make mention that the highest praise is due to the Junior Warden for efficient manner in which he delivered the lecture on the tracing board. The brethren are taking a live interest in Masonry, and I predict a bright future for Prince of Wales Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville : My visit to this lodge was paid on November 14th. I drove over from Newburgh with W. Bro. Gaudier, W. M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146. ● I found a goodly number of the brethren in attendance, including a number of visitors from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh, and Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth. A feature of the evening was the presence of Bros. Shannons, three brothers, the eldest 75 and the youngest 69 years of age. The third degree was conferred in a very effective manner. The officers are well skilled in their work, and the Past Masters are willing at all times to render assistance should it be required. This lodge has been increasing rapidly in membership, such being the flower of the community.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth : My visit to this lodge was paid on November 15th. I found a well filled lodge room, including a number of visitors, some of the brethren having driven over twenty miles. Bro. Chas. Jones, the W. M., who resides at Toronto Junction, was present. The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The W. M. and officers are well skilled in the work. Bro. Jas. A. Aylesworth, the efficient Secretary, is a painstaking officer. They have a neatly furnished lodge room, and at the conclusion of the work a genial fourth degree was indulged in, where song

and speeches brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque : Accompanied by Bro. Wm. T. Hales, I paid my official visit to this lodge on November 19th. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Skinner and Taylor. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Black, in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. It has seldom been my pleasure to visit a lodge having such efficient officers. The lodge has a good executive officer in W. Bro. Graham, the Secretary, and to this fact they owe much of their success. The members are enthusiastic and take a keen interest in the proceedings. This is one of the banner lodges of the district.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held in Gananoque on Thursday, the 23rd of January. The meeting was unique and suggestive on many points, being held under the auspices of Leeds Lodge, No. 201. The work was assigned to the various lodges in the district, and was exemplified in a most creditable manner. The various lodges were well represented, with the exception of Union, No. 9, Napanee; Lorne, No. 404, Tamworth, and Prince Arthur, Odessa, and Elysian, Garden Island. The members of the several lodges who exchanged ideas and thoughts that must arise. I trust returned to their several homes imbued with more zeal and sense of importance of the institution. The gathering was graced by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, A. T. Freed; R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Bros. Shaw, Harrington, Skinner, Dongavel, and V. W. Bro. Graham. At the conclusion of the work a banquet, followed by toast and speech, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever participated in by the brethren of the 14th Masonic District.

Westport Lodge, No. 441 : Visited Westport Lodge, No. 441, February 7th. The W. M., W. Bro. Jeacles, and the officers conferred the second degree in a first-class manner. The attendance was fair, considering the almost impassable condition of the roads, which prevented a number of the brethren from being present. This lodge is efficiently guided by V. W. Bro. Gorrell, W. Bros. Berry and Taylor, being in a flourishing condi-

tion. I predict for Westport Lodge, No. 441, a bright future.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island : In company with the following Kingston brethren, R. W. Bro. Wm. Jackson, V. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bros. Minnes and Pearson, I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of February 13th. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a creditable manner. Though few in numbers, our Island brethren are what I may term a "happy family." I was pleased to see the interest the Past Masters took in their lodge, and I feel assured the reputation of Elysian lodge is not likely to suffer.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston : This lodge was officially visited by me at its regular meeting on March 3. The attendance was not up to the average, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the W. M. and some of the junior officers were slightly indisposed. The W. M's and Junior Warden's chairs were filled by efficient Past Masters. The first and second degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner, there being two candidates initiated and one passed to the second degree. The Past Masters apparently are taking a deep interest, and I predict a bright future for Minden Lodge.

Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Kingston : In company with the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. A. T. Freed. I paid my official visit to this historic lodge on March 5th. I found the lodge room well filled with enthusiastic members and visitors, among whom were a number of P. D. D. G. M's. The first degree was exemplified in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. It has seldom been my pleasure to visit a lodge with such efficient officers. The M. W. the Grand Master and myself were entertained at dinner in the Frontenac club rooms by a number of the brethren, after which we returned to the lodge room, where a short time was spent conferring the degrees, and then all sat down to a banquet tendered by the lodge, where speech and song brought to a close a meeting long to be remembered by the Grand Master, visitors and myself. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and reflects the greatest credit on the Craft in the city of Kingston. A pleasing event was a presentation and address to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Corner, in token of his efficient services.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay : This lodge was officially visited by me on the evening of March 12th. The second degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Gilbert, as W. M., apparently has the interests of his lodge at heart. I would urge upon some of the subordinate officers to copy after his example and be more regular in attendance. The lodge is doing good work and progressing favorably, with the prospects bright for the future.

WM. JACKSON,

Acting D. D. G. M.

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Members.	Degree's conf'd	Attentions.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
3	A. St. John's	Kingston.....	179	7	10	2	1	...	3	10	9	50	174 65	10	73	70	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 567 00
9	Union	Napanee.....	131	10	...	8	5	3	7	...	2	14	5	22	80 40	25	340	Jan., 1908	Excellent	Good	Yes	700 00	
92	Catarqui	Kingston.....	106	14	16	15	13	4	2	2	6	14	35	33	180 00	22	235	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1280 00	
118	Abdon	Harrowsmith	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	10	15	15 00	9	62	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	690 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath.....	58	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	7	5	10	10 00	13	42	June 24, '08	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00	
146	Pr. of Wales	Newburg.....	60	1	6	5	4	...	1	1	2	2	15	14	97 00	7	16	Dec. 27, '07	Solvent	Favorable	Yes	1200 00	
157	Stimson	Newboro.....	68	1	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	14	3	25	...	30	85	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
201	Leeds	Canadaque.....	152	3	7	6	1	3	...	...	2	14	36	10	10 00	23	86	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
212	Elystan	Garden Island	24	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	10	...	5	23	50	June 27, '09	\$100 00	Good	Yes	None
324	Pr. Arthur	Odessa.....	45	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	13	14	13	3 00	7	14	Mar. 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	...
339	Victoria	Centreville...	38	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	11	1	12	30	60 00	9	27	Mar. 24, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
353	Minden	Kingston.....	108	8	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	13	25	35	00	6	318	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
404	Lorne	Tanworth.....	89	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	21	5 00	4	16	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
441	Westport	Westport.....	51	9	4	6	9	1	...	...	1	23	2	25	...	10	40	Aug. 2, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	None
460	Ridgely	Sootley's Bay...	57	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	1	10	2	20	...	...	...	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Lawrence District No. 15 for the year ending June 24th, 1908.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me by the brethren in electing me to the high office of District Deputy Grand Master. I have also to thank the brethren for the enthusiastic reception accorded me in every instance on my official visits.

On examination of the register of each lodge I found that the attendance, in proportion to the number of resident members, was generally good, and particularly large when doing honor to the Grand Master through his humble representative, the D. D. G. M., on his official visits.

I visited each lodge in the district and found the work very uniform and the W. M's and officers thoroughly competent in the exemplification of the degrees, each lodge endeavoring to work better and more correctly than the others, reflecting much credit on the officers. Enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry seems to be on the increase. Notices are issued promptly for all meetings, thus keeping every member well informed of the work and business of the lodge and inducing a larger attendance. I am glad to say that peace and harmony prevails throughout the district, and that only once have I been called upon to settle differences between brethren, which was accomplished by both of the brethren making and receiving apologies. I found the books of the secretaries and treasurers correctly and neatly kept, dues well paid up, and arrearages small.

The membership of several of the lodges is increasing rapidly, and with good material, though I have endeavored to impress upon each lodge the necessity of having the committees on petitions doing their duties thoroughly, and to accept a few good men rather than a large number who would not be a credit to the Order.

I am sorry to have to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund has not been meeting with the success it deserves. So far as I can learn only one lodge has paid its full share. and a few others nearly so. I have tried to show the brethren their duty to Grand Lodge, and asked them to fulfil their pledge, and I trust in the near future all the lodges may be reported as having paid the amounts expected.

I am pleased to say that I have been ably supported by W. Bro. C. T. Wilkinson, District Secretary. who with one exception accompanied me on my visits to the lodges. I have also to thank many of the members of Sussex and Salem lodges who accompanied me on different occasions.

I am purposely leaving out any lengthy reports of the fourth degrees, which were conferred at the conclusion of the duties by each lodge, with songs, speeches, music, etc., and afforded entertainment, good fellowship and social intercourse which is characteristic of Masons at such functions.

The following deaths have been reported to me, viz.: R. W. Bro. John Menish, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, August 12th, 1907. R. W. Bro. George Gale, Salem Lodge, No. 368, Oct. 16th, 1907. W. Bro. Dr. John Muir, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Oct. 8th, 1907. W. Bro. Francis Thompson, Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Oct. 22, 1907. W. Bro. Chris. J. Humphries, St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Dec. 23, 1907. Bro. Joseph Elward, St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, also a charter member of Salem Lodge, No. 368. Bro. William Corbett, St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, May 16, 1908. Bro. Charles H. Hall, Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston, buried at Merrickville April 1, 1908. Bro. Robert Soper, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, June 5, 1908. Bro. Robert A. Scott, Central Lodge, No. 110, June 30, 1907. Bro. Thomas Burton, Central Lodge, No. 110, July 6, 1907. Bro. D. McMillan, Central Lodge, No. 110, August 26, 1907.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on the afternoon and evening of March 30th, 1908, under the auspices of Sus-

sex and Salem lodges, Brockville. The register showed an attendance of nearly 300, every lodge in the district being represented by its officers, and in many cases several members, and I have to thank the brethren for the splendid manner in which they responded to the summons. Among those occupying seats in the East were R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Johnston, who a few weeks ago was summoned to the Grand Lodge above; R. W. Bros. W. H. Jackson, Thomas Wilkinson, D. Derbyshire and Geo. K. Dewey, of Sussex Lodge, No. 5; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston; R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, of Merrickville; R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin, of Smith's Falls; R. W. Bros. A. E. Cumming and C. W. Bulloch, of Lyn; R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, G. S. Warden, and a host of Past Masters. The work was so arranged that each lodge would do some part, and the programme was successfully carried out. The lodges which, with the officers, took part were: First degree, Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24; True Britons Lodge, No. 14, and St. James Lodge, No. 74. Second degree, Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28; Merrickville Lodge, No. 55; Sussex Lodge, No. 5; Salem Lodge, No. 368, and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 75. Third degree, Macoy Lodge, No. 242; Central Lodge, No. 110; Lyn Lodge, No. 416, and Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389.

On October 8th, 1907, I had the pleasure of assisting the M. W. the Grand Master in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Leslie Memorial Hall at Kemptville.

In April last I was requested by the Grand Master to conduct the ceremony of laying the corner stone of Trinity Church, Merrickville, which was done on Wednesday, June 17th, 1908. Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, rector of Trinity Church, is also the W. M. of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55. I was assisted in the ceremony by R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, acting Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, G. S. Warden; R. W. Bro. J. F. Graham, as G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, as G. Supt. of orks; R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn, as G. Treasurer; R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin, as G. Secretary, and a number of Past Masters and W. Masters in the other offices. After the ceremony we were entertained by the building committee and received many expressions of pleasure, satisfaction and appreciation of the beautiful and impres-

sive ceremony conducted by the officers of Grand Lodge.

Dispensations were asked for and received by Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, to instal officers on August 21, 1907 ; by St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to elect a W. M. and instal officers in January 10th, 1908 ; Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, to elect officers on December 11th, and also to hold an "at home" on December 18th, 1907 ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, to hold an "at home" on February 21st, 1908 ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to receive and act upon a petition from Mr. Victor A. Chase, living at Smith's Falls less than one year ; Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, to attend divine service on June 21st, 1908 ; True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth, to attend divine service on June 21st, 1908 ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to attend divine service on June 28, 1908 ; and Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, to attend divine service on June 28, 1908.

The by-laws of Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, and St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, were revised, and those of Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, amended, all of which were approved by the Grand Master.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGE.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensation for the formation of a new lodge named "Osiris." at Smith's Falls.

VISITS.

Sussex, No. 5, and Salem, No. 368, Brockville, were visited on May 11th, at a joint meeting of the lodges. Having seen the work done by these lodges so often, being a member of Salem, I can truthfully say that the zealous work of all the officers is fully up to the standard so often reported by P. D. D. G. M's. The ceremony of initiating a candidate was excellently performed, Salem taking the first half and Sussex the last part. On this occasion we had many Past Masters with us and 24 visitors from Black Lake Lodge, Morristown, New York, who expressed themselves as much pleased with our ceremony and the creditable performance of the officers. The lodges are both in good financial standing and are receiving many new members, though they are very careful of the moral standing of all petitioners and only the best are received. On October 18th, 1907, I had the sad

duty of conducting the funeral service of our late R. W. Bro. Geo. Gale, an old and respected member of Salem Lodge. Bro. Gale was one of the old landmarks of Masonry in Brockville, as also our late R. W. Bro. John Menish, who were ever ready to give a helping hand where needed in Masonic work. Bro. Gale was buried in the family plot at Briar Hill, a few miles from Morristown, N. Y., where we were met by a goodly number of Morristown brethren, who accompanied us to the cemetery and assisted in the ceremony. Both Sussex and Salem lodges are financially strong.

True Britons, No. 14, Perth : I visited on March 2. W. Bro. W. T. Hands and his officers occupied the chairs, and I witnessed the exemplification of the first degree, which was very satisfactorily done, each officer having his work as nearly perfect as could be, the W. M. being very impressive and thorough. I was particularly well pleased with the manner in which the Inner Guard received the candidate. Being a believer in first impressions, I am always delighted when a candidate is received in a manner that will impress him with the solemnity of the Masonic ceremonies. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and is doing good work. The Secretary's books are well kept.

St. Francis, No. 24, Smith's Falls : I visited this lodge on April 10th, and was most enthusiastically received by the officers and brethren. There was a large attendance, including several visitors. The third degree was conferred, and the floor work well rendered. Under the careful supervision of R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin and their efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. Fluker, the lodge cannot do otherwise than flourish. This lodge had the misfortune a few months ago of having a fire in the adjoining building, and the lodge room and contents were badly damaged by water and smoke, but since then they have materially beautified and refurnished their rooms, and have now one of the best equipped and artistically furnished rooms in the district. Owing to the disappointment of many of the brethren in not having been advanced in or appointed to office a resolution was adopted by the lodge on the occasion of my visit for the formation of a new lodge. A petition to the Grand Master, signed by 16 members of St. Francis Lodge, and 14 members of other lodges, was read and handed to me to be forwarded

to the Grand Master. On my recommendation the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation for the new lodge, to be named Osiris, and being commanded by the Grand Master I visited Smith's Falls on June 17th. accompanied by W. Bro. C. T. Wilkinson as Director of Ceremonies, and organized the new lodge. . Owing to many of the C. P. R. employees having been removed from Carleton Place to Smith's Falls the population of the town is rapidly increasing, and there is every prospect that both lodges will flourish. The formation of the new lodge has removed the cause of the slight friction which existed among a few of the members, and harmony and concord will prevail among the brethren. St. Francis is in good financial standing and will give the new lodge every assistance.

Mount Zion, No. 28, Kemptville : April 15th. One candidate was initiated at this meeting in a fairly creditable manner. The lodge, though one of the oldest in the district, is not increasing fast in membership. It has some good working members, and is in good financial standing. Upon hearing their Auditors' report read I advised them to expend some of their surplus funds in beautifying their rooms, which are sadly in need of it, but they explained that they were on the eve of procuring better and more commodious accommodation, when they expect to have one of the best furnished rooms in the district.

Merrickville, No. 55, Merrickville: Visited on April 14th, when Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, Master of the lodge, conferred the first degree on two candidates. The W. M. has a splendid delivery and the ceremony was impressively conducted. W. Bro. J. H. Fulford, at present of Brockville, a charter member of Merrickville lodge, and the District Secretary, accompanied me. Both the meeting and the fourth degree were of the pleasantest of my many visits. The lodge has many enthusiastic Past Masters, always ready to assist in the good work, among whom I might mention R. W. Bros. Watchorn and Magee, W. Bros. Angus and Putnam. At this meeting I was informed of the intention of the lodge to petition the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of Trinity Church, of which the W. M. is rector, and which was, with the assistance of the lodge, so satisfactorily carried out, as above described. The lodge is in a healthy condition and the Secretary's books well kept.

St. James, No. 74 : I visited this lodge on March 18th, accompanied by about sixteen brethren from Brockville. The lodge is, notwithstanding the scattered homes of its members, doing splendidly. It has many zealous workers. W. Bro. E. A. McKim, the W. M., having been taken ill a few days before the meeting, the chair was occupied by W. Bro. McDougall, who conferred the first degree on a candidate in a pleasing manner. W. Bro. McKim is an energetic Mason, and I know he has good mastery of the degrees, and performed his part of the work at the Lodge of Instruction excellently. All the officers except the S. W. and I. G., who were both absent on account of illness in their families, were present. The S. W. chair was ably filled by Bro. Checklev, S. W. of Crvstal Fountain Lodge, from which there were also several present. The J. W.'s lecture was exceptionally well delivered. This lodge is this year celebrating its semi-centennial.

Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens : Was visited on March 12th. W. Bro. Morley Earl in the chair, conferred the second degree very acceptably. The officers are able to work or confer all the degrees. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The candidate for the second degree was exceptionally well posted in the former degree. A few years ago the lodge was in financial difficulties, but is now in good condition and has a substantial cash balance. The appreciation of the assistance of past officers is shown in the presentation of a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. J. P. Lamb, and making two of its oldest members honorary members.

Central, No. 110, Prescott : I visited on April 7th and found a fairly good number present, including several visitors. The third degree was conferred on three candidates, W. Bro. John Tyner taking two of them and A. W. Bro. J. F. Graham the third. W. Bro. Tyner opened the lodge in the three degrees and performed the floor work in a creditable manner, and much more satisfactorily than at the Lodge of Instruction, where, on account of the large number present, he was somewhat nervous. R. W. Bro. Graham, Secretary of the lodge, is doing good work, and under his scrutiny the officers are kept up to a good standard. His books are perfectly kept. The lodge's affairs are in good condition, and with the present impetus in the town's growth the prospects of the lodge are good.

Macoy, No. 242, Mallorytown : I visited on February 17th. Macoy lodge is a progressive lodge under the guidance of W. Bro. Toot, assisted by many of the Past Masters, among whom I might mention W. Bros. Dr. Lane, John Raphael, F. H. Mallory and L. T. Blanchard. This lodge has the distinction of having among its members five brothers and the father of the W. M. The third degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner, and though the lodge only a few years ago was at a low standard, is now one of the best in the district, through the encouragement of the Past Masters and the excellent work of the officers. After partaking of refreshments about two hours were pleasantly spent in discussing Masonic work.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta : Visited at a regular meeting on December 18th. This lodge, with a membership of 65, is doing splendid work, the W. M. and his officers being able to confer all the degrees. The third degree, though exemplified under very trying circumstances, a rehearsal of a Christmas concert by a Sunday school with music, drums, marching and singing, going on in the public hall underneath, was done very satisfactorily. The lodge is in excellent condition, financial and otherwise, and is working as its name implies.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne : Visited February 13th, accompanied by several Brockville brethren. One candidate was initiated and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees in a fairly satisfactory way. The lodge is probably the weakest in the district, but the officers and brethren are trying to improve their condition, and expect in the near future to accomplish what they are striving for. They have recently purchased new regalia and other paraphernalia. The Secretary, though new in the work, is keeping his books very creditably. Here also we spent about two hours talking over Masonic work and matters.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta : I visited this lodge on May 13th, accompanied by nine brethren from Brockville and two from South Augusta. W. Bro. G. W. Chapman and his officers exemplified the first degree very creditably, considering that the officers are so scattered and have not the opportunity of practicing as others have who reside in more thickly populated centres. The J. W. was very good in his delivery of the

lecture. At this meeting a supposed brother from a western town visited the lodge, and when the W. M. took his time in sending out a board of examination he demanded that he be attended to at once, and during his examination, which he wished to conduct according to his own ideas, he became very abusive, so much so that the board did not deem him a proper person to visit any lodge. During the past winter I was requested to adjust a slight difference existing between two of the members of this lodge, which I did, and we trust that the brethren will now work together with that love and harmony which should exist among Masons. Bro. R. E. Grigg, Secretary, is a most energetic officer, looking carefully after every detail and keeping the dues well collected. The financial condition of the lodge is good, owning the building, and hope in the near future to further beautify the interior.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn : I visited this lodge on December 17th, accompanied by four Past Masters from Brockville. The lodge has a splendid average attendance and at this meeting 32 of its members were present. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees and the discussion of the exemplification and the work of the degrees proved that the W. M. and officers were thoroughly competent, which could not fail to be the result under the tuition of R. W. Bros. Cumming and Bulloch.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has indeed been a very pleasant and profitable experience. Though at times in our discussions the history of Masonry was referred to, I endeavored in all cases, when on my official visit, to convert the meeting into a lodge of instruction, so that if any officer or member was in doubt the matter might be cleared.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for their kind indulgences to me, and consider myself well repaid if my feeble efforts have proved beneficial to the Craft in the district.

I cannot close without referring to the severe loss to the Craft in the death of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, whose loss will be severely felt, as he was ever ready to extend a helping hand and good counsel to the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. A. GEIGER, D. D. G. M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem- bership	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
5	Sussex	Brockville.....	242	14	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	42	146 00	29	\$ 104 00	Dec. 27, '07	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	Trust
14	True Brit'n	Perth.....	110	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	24	25 00	14	77 75	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$700 00
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls.....	145	12	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	21	30 00	0	59 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00
24	Monn-Zion	Kemptville.....	54	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	17 50	0	59 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Very Good	Yes	300 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville.....	91	15	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	17	30 00	5	35 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
74	St. James	South Augusta.....	70	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	15	30 00	7	35 00	June 24, '08	Favorable	Good	Yes	100 00
45	Elting Sun	Athens.....	69	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	25	19 00	10	73 00	Dec. 1907	Fair	Good	Yes	800 00
110	Conrad	Prescott.....	111	11	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	22	139 00	20	73 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	700 00
242	Macey	Mallorytown.....	87	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	25	50 00	17	63 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	600 00
308	Salem	Brockville.....	167	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	132 00	14	53 75	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
370	Harmony	Delta.....	67	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	15 00	4	15 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00
387	Lensdowne	Lensdowne.....	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	11 00	7	42 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
396	C Fountain	North Augusta.....	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	10 00	5	23 85	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	1500 00
418	Lyn	Lyn.....	46	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	15 00	6	35 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith a report of the work done throughout this district during the past year, and to refer in general terms to the work of each lodge. I may say in some cases, and they were few, some irregularities were noticeable, but I preferred to call the attention of the officers to the same in private, rather than to criticize before the lodge, as in many cases these errors occurred through lack of knowledge or want of preparation, not through an attempt to be different from the work done by other lodges, for I believe there is a general desire to have the work uniform throughout the whole district.

Following the example of my predecessors, I appointed W. Bro. O. G. Copeland, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, District Secretary.

This district is now composed of nineteen lodges, all of which I had the pleasure of visiting, and in every case found harmony and good-will existing, which testifies that the true Masonic spirit prevails everywhere.

I desire to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kindness and courtesy shown me, especially many of the Ottawa brethren, who have given me valuable assistance during my term of office.

In my report I shall not refer particularly to the banquets given me, only to state that in every instance, except one at my request, a most enjoyable hour was spent, and the best of good fellowship prevailed.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell : In accordance with instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, I handed the brethren of this lodge their Warrant, and consecrated their hall September 30th. In this I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Northwood, Wilson, May, Reid, and V. W. Bro. Rowan, of Ottawa, and R. W. Bro.

Smith, of District No. 21. Many other Ottawa brethren accompanied me and rendered valuable assistance in the ceremonies of consecrating, constituting and dedicating the hall, after which R. W. Bros. Northwood and Wilson installed the officers. The lodge is ample and well appointed, and the brethren of Russell lodge start out with bright prospects. At the entertainment instructive addresses were delivered by many of the distinguished brethren present. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and took part in the ceremonies : R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, as G. M. ; R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, as D. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. Smith (District 21), as D. D. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. S. Reid, as G. S. W. ; W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, as G. J. W. ; R. W. Bro. Reveller, as G. Treasurer ; W. Bro. Putman, as G. Secretary ; R. W. Bro. W. Northwood, as Grand Chaplain ; R. W. Bro. A. Dorey, as G. Organist ; V. W. Bro. Rowan, as G. D. of C. ; W. Bro. W. Sproule, as G. S. D. ; W. Bro. C. Scott, as G. J. D. ; Bros. H. May, Lawson, Shanks, Grant, as G. Stewards ; Bro. I. Carlton, as G. Purs. ; also W. Bros. Shane, Armstrong, Parlow and Hawkins. R. W. Bros. Northwood and Wilson installed the following officers : W. Bro. D. Wishart, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan, I. P. M. ; Bro. P. B. Proudfoot, S. W. ; Bro. W. McKeown, J. W. ; Bro. I. B. Robinson, Chaplain ; Bro. J. A. Fielding, Treasurer ; Bro. W. H. Lowrie, Secretary ; Bro. Duncan McArthur, S. D. ; Bro. A. W. P. Lowrie, J. D. ; Bros. MacDougal and I. W. Lowrie, Stewards ; Bro. John Hemington, D. of C. ; Bro. J. A. Saddler, I. G. ; Bro. C. F. McArthur, Tyler.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264 : Official visit December 9. The good natured rivalry existing among the Ottawa lodges compelled the brethren of this lodge to make a special effort in the work of the M.M. degree, and I am pleased to say their efforts were crowned with success. Seldom have I seen the work so impressively done. The attendance was very large, many Grand Lodge officers being present. During the evening it was my pleasure to present P. M. jewels to W. Bro. Rebt. Stewart and W. Bro. Thos. T. Stoddart.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark : Accompanied by W. Bros. E. G. Shane, of Ottawa, and MacIntosh, of Carleton Place, I visited this lodge October 1. There being no work, the lodge opened and closed in the three

degrees, after which I offered a few suggestions to the brethren, all of whom are deeply interested in the work, but are seriously handicapped in being so far from a railroad, which prevents intercourse with other lodges. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond : I visited this lodge at the regular meeting March 17, and was disappointed that no work was to be done. The opening and closing in the three degrees was satisfactory. There was a good attendance, many members and officers driving in over the almost impassible country roads. The Secretary's books are well kept. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp : I visited this lodge March 13th, and found only a fair attendance, due to the fact that many members and some officers live many miles from the village. W. Bro. T. A. Brown worked a first degree, which was done in a satisfactory manner, the officers giving him good support throughout. A pleasant duty awaited me here, that of presenting a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. Geo. H. Groves, who, from the efficient work he is doing in this lodge, deserved the recognition at the hands of his brethren.

Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa : I visited this lodge April 10th, and was pleased to see such a good attendance of members and visitors, a practice highly commendable in all the Ottawa lodges. The work for the evening was a second degree, which was exemplified in a most creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. E. C. Wright. The lecture was clearly and impressively delivered by the S. Warden, and the other officers were all familiar with their duties and did their work satisfactorily. An enjoyable time was spent at the banquet.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior : I visited this lodge March 9. The W. M., W. Bro. Steele, presented a third for my inspection, the work being fairly well done. The routine work showed careful preparation. A goodly number was in attendance.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte : At the regular meeting, November 1, W. Bro. McCarthy and his officers presented a first for my inspection. The work was well done. The J. Warden's lecture was delivered by W. Bro. Steele, and the charge to the candidate by W. Bro. Kelly.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower : I visited this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. T. G. Shane, of Ottawa, and Bro. John Hawkins, and was much pleased at the work, which consisted of two seconds by W. Bro. Cryderman and his able staff of officers. I found everything in good condition, and Secretary's books were well and clearly kept.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place : I visited this lodge November 13, accompanied by V. W. Bro. J. H. Leach. The M. M. degree was the work of the evening, and was fairly well done. The W. M., W. Bro. J. R. Hamilton, and his staff of officers have the work well in hand, but deliver it much too fast thus failing to impress the candidate with the beauty and solemnity of the degree.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa : I was much pleased with my visit here March 6th. The first degree was exceedingly well done by the W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Graham, every part of it being delivered in a clear and impressive manner, which could not fail to impress the candidate and the large number of brethren present. W. Bro. Graham was highly complimented and warmly congratulated for the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties, while the J. Warden was given his share of praise for the satisfactory manner in which he delivered the lecture. A tasty and attractive fourth degree brought the very pleasant evening to an early close.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa : A very large attendance of members and visitors greeted me at the regular meeting of this lodge February 14th. The W. M., W. Bro. J. W. C. Roberts, worked a first degree in a faultless manner, the officers giving good proof of being thoroughly familiar with the work. At this meeting I had the extreme pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. J. R. Reid with a P. M. jewel, also a Grand Lodge officer's regalia, he having had the honor of being elected Grand Senior Warden at the last communication of the Grand Lodge held in Ottawa, July, 1907.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa : I was much pleased at the regular meeting, November 19th, to see such a large turnout of the brethren, there being 59 members and 117 visitors present. I was accompanied by a deputation of over 25, chiefly Grand Lodge officers. The W. M., W. Bro. W. L. Joyne, and his officers presented

a third for my inspection. It was worked in a very impressive manner, and was highly satisfactory in every respect. A most enjoyable time was spent afterwards, the music and speeches being thoroughly enjoyed.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke : I paid my official visit to this, my mother lodge, February 6th. This was the regular meeting, and the work consisted of a first and second, both being put on by W. Bro. O. G. Copeland and his efficient staff of officers. The Junior Warden received the congratulations of the brethren for the masterly manner in which he delivered the lecture. There was a large attendance of members, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa : I was much pleased to meet such a large attendance of the brethren here, at the regular meeting February 28th, being accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Dr. Josephs, P. D. D. G. M., and Bros. J. P. Millar and Dr. Snedden, of Pembroke. W. Bro. Rosenthal, W. M., worked a second degree in a fairly effective manner. The officers are well posted, each doing his work satisfactorily, especially the Junior Warden. Here, as at all city lodges, many G. L. officers and Past Masters were present, which gives strength and creates enthusiasm in the younger members. A most pleasant time was spent afterwards in song, speech and music.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew : I paid my official visit to this lodge November 4th. There being no work, the opening and closing in the different degrees was done without fault. The officers are competent and the work is sure to be well done. I was much pleased to see present R. W. Bro. David Barr and W. Bro. Hay. The lodge is in good financial condition. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa : About 150 members welcomed me at this lodge March 10th, together with many brethren from outside places, among them being W. Bro. Alfred Thompson, M. P., Dawson City, Yukon ; W. Bro. John Stanfield, M. P., Truro, N. S., and W. Bro. N. J. Woodside, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, W. M., presented a third degree, which was exceptionally well done, every officer doing his part most creditably, which with the excellency of the music made the work on the whole some-

what superior to that of lodges that do not possess equal advantages.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville : The work presented here for my inspection, February 10th, was a third degree, and was fairly well done by the W. M., W. Bro. Gourley. Duty compells me to call attention to the Junior Warden, who was entirely unfamiliar with the work or duty of his office. This lamentable lack of knowledge may arise from the fact that the brother has been a member of the Craft for about a year, and should not have been elected to the office. A scarcity of members, poor and irregular attendance of those near by, and the removal or absence from the village of Past Masters, may be the chief reason why this occurred, which only goes to prove the extreme difficulty of keeping up a lodge in a small place.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden : Owing to a misunderstanding I did not visit this lodge in May as intended, so that at the regular meeting, June 9, no work was to be done, a third having been exemplified at a previous meeting. Unfortunately the W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Mair, M. D., was called away before my reception by W. Bro. Murdock, P. M., so that I had no opportunity of judging the work in the East. The other officers are fairly familiar with the work, and the lodge has very good prospects.

SUSPENSIONS.

W. Bro. Robt. Russell, Bro. Cursow L. Russell, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. Bro. Geo. M. Dalglish, Bro. Robt. J. Johnson, Bro. Rockliffe Rowan, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. Bro. T. C. King, Bro. William Stewart, of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa. All for non-payment of dues.

DEATHS.

During the year the following deaths were reported : R. W. Bro. Rev. Robt. Campbell, Past Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, P. D. D. G. M. ; W. Bro. Thomas B. Muir, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew. Bro. John Sweetman, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. Bro. Geo. Learmouth, Madawaska Lodge, No. 106, Alnprior. Bro. Wm. Hill, St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place. Bro. John Cockburn, Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. Bro. Chas. A. Forsythe, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte.

RESTORATIONS.

Bro. G. S. Blasdel, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52. Ottawa;
Bro. Frank W. Johnston, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52,
Ottawa.

In conclusion, I desire to thank those brethren who have so ably assisted me in the discharge of my official duties. I have been most loyally received in every lodge which I visited, and wish to express the hope that I may live to see many of the brethren who have thus honored me discharge the duties of this honorable position.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. KENNING, D. D. G. M.,

Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.		Men-ber-ship	Decrease during year.		E. A.		F. C.		M. M.		Affiliations.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
59	Dalhousie	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
177	Builders	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
186	Fembroke	Fembroke	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
459	Cobden	Cobden	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
63	St. Johns	Carleton Place	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
964	Chandlere	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
189	Goodwood	Richmond	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
371	Pr. of Wales	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
476	Corinthian	North Gower	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
193	Kenfrew	Almonte	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
479	Russell	Russell	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
979	Evergreen	Lenark	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
56	Doric	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
196	Medawaka	Arnprior	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
931	Fidelity	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
433	Monmouth	Kanville	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95
485	Carleton	Carp	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95	94	95

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It affords me very great pleasure to present to you the report of my official acts as District Deputy Grand Master and upon the condition of Masonry in the Algoma District, No. 17, for the past year.

Upon being notified of my appointment I appointed V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. Rowand, District Chaplain.

My first official act was to write a circular letter to all the lodges in this district, drawing their attention to several matters, and particularly to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Two of the lodges in this jurisdiction have paid their quota in full, and I have had promises from the other lodges that they will take this matter up and pay their part in the near future.

I have officially visited all the lodges in this district once, and would have liked to have paid more visits, but owing to the great area over which the lodges are situated, this was not possible for me to do. I am pleased to find that the work done by the Secretaries of the different lodges is of a high standard.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year three deaths in our ranks have been reported to me. Fort William lodge lost two members and Shuniah one member.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I attended at Dryden on October 8th, 1907, for the purpose of instituting Golden Star Lodge. I was accompanied from Fort William by R. W. Bro. A. McDougall and some members of the Royal Lodge, and was assisted at the institution by P. D. D. G. M's R. W. Bros. D. T. Ferguson, A. Moore, A. McDougall, J. K. Bryden, and W. Bro. Pinch, of Pequonga Lodge, and several

Past Masters and Master Masons from Pequonga and other lodges.

I visited Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, on May 18th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. Edmund Pinch, and officers exemplified the first degree in a creditable manner. I found this lodge in a very flourishing condition.

I visited Lake-of-the-Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, May 19th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Wilson, and officers exemplified the third degree, assisted by several Past Masters. I found this lodge, while not large, being conducted in an excellent manner, and composed of officers who are very bright Masons.

I visited Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin, May 20th, 1908. Bro. L. D. McColl and officers exemplified the third degree in a first-class manner. This is a nice, cosy, harmonious lodge, and the brethren are all in unity.

I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River, May 22nd, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Walsh, and officers initiated a candidate, and I found them to be well skilled indeed. A very interesting part of this visit was a number of American Masons, who were visiting with them that evening. This lodge is progressing very well indeed, and has fully paid up its amount of Semi-Centennial Fund.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis, May 23rd, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. Wright, and officers exemplified the third degree, and it is needless for me to say that the work was done in a first-class manner. R. W. Bro. Hollands, P. D. D. G. M., was present, and assisted in the work. The future of this lodge is very bright indeed, and is composed of a lot of fine Masons. They have recently moved into a new room, nicely furnished, bright and cheerful surroundings, which will act as an incentive to continue their good work. I have to compliment them on having fully paid their part of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

I visited Golden Star Lodge, Dryden, under dispensation, May 26th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Quibbell, and officers exemplified the first and third degrees. I was pleased indeed to find the Master and officers so very well able to do their work. Since the institution of this lodge they have had a very large increase, and have now 49 members. They are presenting their minute book and register at this meeting of Grand Lodge in the hope of getting a charter.

I visited Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, June 10th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. John Armstrong, and officers initiated two candidates. There was a very large attendance at this meeting, and this lodge is progressing very fast. They have had some delay in the building of their new temple, which was at a standstill over winter, but I am happy now to report that work is again under way, and they hope to have it completed in the late part of this summer, when they will have one of the finest Masonic homes in the west. During the past year death has claimed two members of this lodge, Bros. Allan Pinkerton and Duncan McKenzie.

I visited Royal Lodge, No. 453, the lodge of which I am a member, on June 24th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. D. McK. Mitchell, and officers exemplified the second degree in the usual manner of Royal Lodge officers, who, under the watchful eye of V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, Secretarv. are always fully up to the mark.

I visited Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, June 30th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. G. H. Rapsey, and officers exemplified three third degrees on candidates in a very creditable manner indeed. I am sorry to report that this lodge, having had their building burned last November, are almost without a home, and they are certainly greatly handicapped in this respect, but the brethren are fully determined that they will have a new lodge room before long which will be a credit to the members of Shuniah Lodge. During the past year death has claimed one member of this lodge. Bro. Isaac Erikella.

Masonry throughout this district I have found in a flourishing condition, and there is nothing but good feeling and brotherly love prevailing throughout.

I would take this opportunity of sincerely thanking the brethren for electing me to the high and honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master and for the many kindnesses that I have received at the hands of the brethren while performing my duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. H. PERRY, D. D. G. M.,

Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.	Degrees conf'd			Aduitions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Average attendance of members.			Amount paid for relief	No of members 18 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
						E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Meet- ings held.	Regular.	Emergency.									Total.
414	Pesouaga.	182	5	22	16	18	9	2	13	1	1	14	14	90	.....	45	15 00	Dec 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$800 00	
427	Shunish.	180	19	18	18	18	1	4	3	3	6	13	10	81	.....	40	228 40	June 24, '07	V'y Good	Good	Yes	240 00	
415	Pt. William.	165	21	15	11	9	6	1	5	1	5	14	6	30	.....	35	350 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
417	Keewatin.	70	19	9	9	9	3	1	6	1	6	13	6	18	.....	25	470 75	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
445	L'ke Woods.	47	8	2	7	8	4	1	3	1	3	10	3	13	.....	15	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
446	Granite.	98	7	3	6	6	1	2	1	1	1	11	7	18	.....	0	10 00	Dec 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
448	Royal.	91	8	6	6	6	2	3	1	1	1	13	3	16	.....	5	63 00	June 24, '08	Good	Bright	Yes	900 00	
461	Iconic.	73	11	3	11	4	7	3	3	1	1	14	10	84	.....	6	98 25	Dec. 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	1300 00	
U.D.	Gold'n Star.	49																			Yes		

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Ontario, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report of the condition of Masonry in this district for the past Masonic year. Before taking up the report in detail, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the representatives of the various lodges at the last meeting of Grand Lodge for the very high honor which they conferred on me by electing me as the local representative head of the M. W. the Grand Master, and to express the hope that my feeble efforts for the Craft have been in the right direction. I also wish to thank the incumbent of the Grand Secretary's chair for many kindnesses and valuable assistance rendered, and to express the hope that he may long be spared to Grand Lodge in particular and the Craft in general.

I appointed W. Bro. F. E. Pitts, P. M. of Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, District Chaplain, and Bro. A. E. Way, M. M. of Mattawā Lodge, No. 405, District Secretary. The services rendered by the District Secretary were much appreciated, and I wish to publicly thank him for same. He was untiring in his efforts to relieve me of much clerical work, and was at all times ready and willing to assist in any way possible that offered.

The general condition of the Craft in the district is in a most healthy state, harmony prevails throughout, and all lodges appear to have but one object in view, the true exemplification of Masonry wherever and whenever opportunity affords. All the lodge rooms are commodious and comfortable, and some of them are expensively fitted out. The dues are fairly well collected, and with the exception of two lodges are all that can be desired. I directed the especial attention of the officers in charge of these lodges to this, and I have the promise that they

will be attended to. All lodges carry insurance. Masonry is on the increase in a very marked degree, and the lodges are most careful in the selection of their material. I also asked them to be careful in the selection of their affiliates, and that while they ought to make every effort to have non-affiliates join, yet to make close enquiry into all who came to the portals of their lodge room.

All the lodges have been visited during the year. Four were visited once each, five were visited twice each. one was visited three times, and three were visited on five different occasions. In order to accomplish this I was obliged to travel over five thousand miles. The degree work on all occasions was fairly well done, and while that is true of all, I would be remiss in my report if I did not especially mention the work presented to me by Keystone Lodge No. 412, Nickel Lodge No. 427, Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, and the two new lodges at Haileybury and Cobalt. All these lodges are second to none so far as the exemplification of the work is concerned.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the year just ended the Reaper has again visited the district and has demanded a heavy toll. Six out of the thirteen lodges have had to mourn the loss of departed brethren. The following have been reported to me : Bro. Thos. Flesher, M. M. Dymont Lodge, No. 442 ; Bro. Jas. E. Young, Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 ; Bro. T. G. S. McAmmond, M. M. Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447 ; Bro. Amos W. Cunningham, M. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound ; Arthur E. Franch, P. M. Strong Lodge, No. 423, and Bro. C. Culver, M. M. Dymont Lodge, No. 442.

SUSPENSIONS.

I regret to have to report that Suspension for N. P. D. has been one cause for the loss of some members, and during my visitations I laid stress on all the officers to do their utmost to reduce this cause of loss in our ranks, and I can only hope that such will be the result. I am pleased to say that four lodges have succeeded in again restoring some of those who were without the fold, and they deserve our commendation.

DEDICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master I had the pleasure of dedicating two new lodge rooms. On No-

vember 13th, assisted by W. Bros. Jos. Ellerton, B. H. T. Turner and J. B. Wallace, of Doric Lodge ; J. Johnston, of Gore Bay Lodge ; T. E. Williams, of Thessalon, and other distinguished brethren, I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472. Their new quarters presented a most pleasing appearance, and all were of the opinion that for the size of the town better could not be desired. Unfortunately they were again visited by fire during the winter, but by good fortune saved all or nearly all their furnishings, etc. I have since visited them, and no appearance of the conflagration is noticeable.

On Friday, the 15th day of May, with the assistance of W. Bros. W. J. Cressy, Jos. Fowler, G. A. Montgomery, J. A. Orr, R. S. Mitchell, R. Dorsett, of Nickel Lodge, No. 427 ; J. B. Wallace, of Doric Lodge, No. 455 ; Jesse Bradford, of Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447 ; S. Weager, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 ; T. Darling and many other distinguished brethren, I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. The brethren of North Bay are to be congratulated on their large and commodious quarters, and I bespeak continued prosperity for this lodge.

INSTITUTIONS.

It does not often fall to the lot of one D. D. G. M. to institute three new lodges. Such, however, has been my good fortune. Early in my official year I received a petition from the brethren of the town of Cobalt praying that letters of dispensation be granted for a lodge there. In due course the M. W. the Grand Master granted their request, and on December 17th I instituted Silver Lodge, U. D., in that town. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and Silver Lodge starts out with the brightest prospects. On the 22nd of August I received a petition from the brethren of the town of Haileybury praying for a dispensation for a lodge there. In due course this was also granted, and on the 18th of December, assisted by many distinguished visitors, I instituted Haileybury Lodge, U. D. This lodge started out with a charter membership of thirty-nine. They have furnished their rooms most elaborately, and are supplying a want that was in existence there for some little time. I feel that this ought to be one of the best lodges in the district. On the 7th of January I received another petition from

the brethren of the town of Blind River. I had visited this town in the month of November, as I had heard that a petition was likely to come from that place. The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant their request, and on the 9th day of March, by direction of the Grand Master, I instituted Penewobikong Lodge, U. D., there. Their charter list contained twenty-two applicants ; they ought to do well. I have not had an opportunity to visit them again, and will leave the report of this new lodge to my successor. I may, however, be permitted to say that the officers and members are very enthusiastic, and I bespeak a prosperous career for this the youngest lodge in the district.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

It was my good fortune to hold three Lodges of Instruction in the district during the year.

On the 27th of March we had one at Haileybury. The attendance was away beyond my most sanguine expectations, 101 members signed the register, and all entered into the work with a vim and zeal that augurs well for Masonry in this section of the district. The work was divided as follows : Haileybury Lodge, U. D., put on the first work ; Silver Lodge, U. D., Cobalt, the second, and Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, of New Liskeard, exemplified the third degree. To attempt to particularize would be unfair to those whose names are not mentioned in the putting on of the work. All deserve and have my commendation. If, however, I may be permitted to single out one from the rest, then I desire to make special mention of the work of Bro. J. I. Rankin, J. W. of Haileybury Lodge. His rendition was, without a doubt, faultless, and when his enthusiasm for the Order is considered, I am sure that he will add great lustre to it.

On the 28th of April I held a second one at Sault Ste. Marie, under a dispensation granted to Keystone Lodge, No. 412. Here the attendance was 190, including the W. M's and P. M's of Keystone No. 412, Dymont No. 442, Algoma No. 469, Penewobikong U. D., Bethel No. 358, Sault, Mich., as also F. H. W. Hickling, P. M., Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton ; A. H. Johnston, P. M. of Manitou Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, and Thomas Kershaw, P. M. of Albany Lodge, No. 432, England. I assigned the first degree to Penewobikong Lodge, U. D. This lodge, you must bear in mind, was

instituted on the 8th of March. They did their work in a most creditable manner, and received the congratulations of all, and they certainly deserved them. Dymont Lodge conferred the second, and while it lacked a certain amount of finish, the work was well done, and I bespeak good results from our efforts there. Keystone Lodge, No. 412, exemplified the third degree. Their work was faultless, complete in every detail, the appointments perfect, and their rendition of that degree of excellence which left nothing to be said but "Well done, Keystone."

On the 15th of May, under the warrant of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, I held another Lodge of Instruction there. The work on this occasion was divided as follows : Nipissing Lodge was assigned the first degree, Sturgeon Falls the second, and Nickel Lodge, of Sudbury, the third degree. I do not desire to specialize as to the work of any of the lodges, that would be unfair to the others. They all did well and deserve great credit for their exemplification of the principles as existing, but it would also be unfair to Nickel Lodge, No. 427, if I did not say that their portrayal was most life like, effective and inspiring. The attendance was large, and five lodges were represented at this meeting. It will thus be seen that of the thirteen lodges in the district nine took part in one or other of the Lodges of Instruction, and the whole of the lodges were represented at one or other of them, while the three new lodges which have been instituted during the year took an active part, Silver Lodge, Cobalt, working the second ; Haileybury Lodge, Haileybury, working the first, and Penewobikong Lodge, of Blind River, also working the first.

DISPENSATIONS.

A number of dispensations were applied for and obtained. They were chiefly for the purpose of attending divine service. A detailed report of these will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary dealing with this matter.

VISITS.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa : Visited this lodge December 27th, the festival of St. John the Evangelist. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, P. M., presided in the East in the absence of the W. M. Meeting regular. Attendance large for this lodge. Work, first degree, conferred

in a most impressive manner. Here I desire to make special mention of the excellence of the work of the J. W., Bro. J. D. McDonald, who is a most efficient officer. Owing to the removal of many of the Past Masters from town, due to quietness in business, this lodge is somewhat hampered in its work, but what it lacks in numbers is fully made up in enthusiasm and earnestness. Harmony is a marked feature, and sociability reigns supreme. This lodge is in good hands, and with such stalwarts as W. Bro. Bell and Bros. Ross, J. D. McDonald and Rowan Legg, the latter being Secretary, Mattawa will always stand to the forefront of Masonry.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie : Visited January 7th. Regular. Attendance large. W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, W. M. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition, the finances are in a healthy shape, the officers are thorough, the committees up to date, the lodge dues are well looked after, and the P. M.'s efficient, zealous and enthusiastic. The appointments, rooms, furniture, etc., which are shared by Algoma Lodge, No. 469, are all that can be desired, and the brethren vie with each other in the good work. Harmony prevails in a marked degree. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was put on in a faultless manner. One feature of this lodge is the preparation of the candidates before advancement and examination in all the work of all the degrees. Thoroughness is required of all initiates, and to such a degree of perfection is this carried out that any one raised is qualified to fill any or all offices. This state of efficiency is in a great measure due to the originality of the W. M., who keeps the P. M.'s in close touch with the work all the time. He also divides the work of the evening with the members on the side benches, so that all are at all times interested. Too much cannot be said of the interest evinced by the "old guard" of the lodge, and their name is legion.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay : Visited this lodge December 9th. They met in Oddfellows' Hall on the occasion, by permission of the M. W. the Grand Master, owing to the expiry of their lease of their lodge room. Meeting regular. Attendance about 75. W. Bro. McCubin, W. M., in the chair. Work, first degree. Owing to their removal to these temporary rooms, the work was not all that could be desired, and the W. M.

informed me that he would not attempt to do any more work until they were again in rooms of their own. He is a most zealous and efficient officer, and the lodge is to be congratulated in its possession of him. Special mention must also be made of the Secretary, Rro. R. L. Dudley, who is untiring in his efforts to bring the lodge to the forefront, and I have no doubt that he will be successful. Revisited this lodge on the 15th of May, the occasion being the dedication of their new lodge rooms. Their new Masonic home is all that can be desired, their rooms are large, airy, well furnished and up to date. The brethren are zealous and energetic, and all are working together. Their work on this occasion was the first degree and it was well done. This lodge has not subscribed anything to the S. C. Benevolent Fund this year, owing to the fact of the heavy expenses necessary to the furnishing of their rooms, but both the W. M. elect and the Secretary have promised that they will not be found wanting when the next call comes. This lodge is still too far behind in its dues, but there is a great improvement from last year, and this also was promised first consideration. I feel convinced that the next year will witness a great revival in the interests of Masonry in this beautiful town.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury : Visited April 29th. W. Bro. R. S. Mitchell, W. M. Emergent. Attendance fair. Among those present were R. W. Bro. Arthur, V. W. Bros. C. R. Reid and R. Dorsett, and W. Bros. J. A. Orr, Jos. Fowler, Evans, J. S. Gill and W. J. Cressy. Appointments and furnishings excellent, and the brethren are justly proud of their quarters. Work, first degree, exemplification of same good. This lodge lays a great deal of stress on detail in the exemplification of the work, and its officers appear to be well selected. The W. M. is a most efficient officer, and has the hearty support of all. A feature of this lodge is the fact that all its Past Masters are still resident in town, with one exception, and each one is as enthusiastic now as he was before election. Sociability a marked feature.

Dyment Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon : Visited March 10th. In the absence of W. Bro. J. H. R. Elliott, W. M., who was ill, W. Bro. T. E. Williams, P. M., occupied the East. Emergent. Attendance fair. Work, first degree. The wording was good, but the floor work lacked

that accuracy and precision which is so essential to effectiveness, and I would suggest that this lodge interchange visits with its near neighbors and that the Past Masters assist the officers and members in the study of the work. After the work of the evening adjournment to the dining room brought out the expression of sociability in a most marked manner. All are filled with that kindly spirit that I feel convinced Dymont Lodge will yet rank high in excellence of work and close conformity to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls : Visited November 14th. Emergent meeting. W. Bro. Jesse Bradford, W. M., in the chair. Attendance good. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was presented in a most satisfactory manner, all the officers sustaining their parts efficiently and effectively. This lodge had been reported to me as requiring special attention. I therefore made this early visit. We had quite a long chat as to the prospects of the lodge, and from all I could gather I am satisfied that they will do well. The S. C. Benevolent Fund was taken up, as were all the arrearages of dues, and I was assured that both would receive their close attention. Sociability a marked feature. Revisited this lodge on the 15th of June. On this occasion there was no work. The brethren had fulfilled all their promises of the previous meeting. The S. C. B. Fund has all been paid up, the dues are in a much better condition, and the brethren present a united front. Owing to a little dullness from a business standpoint of the town, the lodge suffers likewise, but they are all hopeful. I was sorry that, owing to the illness of Mrs. Bradford, the W. M. was unable to be present. V. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, who happened to be a visitor, presided at the meeting. He is a frequent visitor of the lodge, and the brethren of Sturgeon Falls look upon him as part and parcel of themselves. This lodge will do well in the future.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current : Visited June 17th. Emergent. Attendance twenty. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, W. M., in the chair. The work of the evening was the first degree. Under the guidance of W. Bro. Wallace, W. M., this lodge has had a very successful year. Their increase has been good, their material

well selected, the S. C. B. Fund has been fully subscribed, their dues outstanding have been materially reduced, and their prospects from every standpoint seem to be the very best. A feature of their banquet was the presence of several clergymen, not members of the craft, who sat and waited patiently for our arrival at the supper room, and who, though not members, appeared to vie with the members to do me honor. Too much cannot be said on behalf of the zeal and energy displayed by Bro. Wallace, and I can but express the hope that he may long be spared to engage in the good work.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462 : Visited March 13th. Meeting emergent. Attendance large. W. Bro. A. V. Summers, W. M. Work, first degree. This lodge prides itself in the excellence of its floor work, for which they are noted, and which reputation was well sustained on this occasion. They are the only lodge in the district who own the building in which their rooms are situated. The lodge is prosperous, their rooms are all that can be desired, their appointments good, their finances in a healthy shape, S. C. B. Fund long since paid up, and their Past Masters take as much interest in the work to-day as before their election to the chair. I need hardly say that this lodge will continue to do well.

Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie : Visited January 8th. Meeting regular. Attendance about 40. W. Bro. Geo. Fisher, W. M. Work of the evening, first degree. This lodge instals its officers on the 27th of December, and as a consequence this was the first meeting at which Bro. Fisher presided. He makes an excellent Master, and I am sure that this lodge will do well during the year that it is presided over by him. Algoma Lodge, with its sister Keystone, form a large, happy family, and the help rendered to each other and the sympathy displayed is very noticeable to a visitor there. This lodge is doing good work.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472, Gore Bay : Visited this lodge on the 13th of November last, on instruction from the M. W. the Grand Master, for the purpose of dedicating their lodge rooms, a report of which will be found elsewhere in this report. This little town nestles at the foot of a deep bay on the north shore of the Island of Manitoulin. The town, the people, and the lodge are all that can be expected. On the 8th of February these

brethren were visited by the fire fiend for the second time. Fortunately, however, they managed to save the most of their effects, and thus their loss was trifling. To many this would have been discouraging, not so with these zealous workers. Like the busy beaver, they at once looked about for temporary quarters, which they found in the Orange Hall. Application was made to hold meetings there until such time as their own rooms would be ready again. The M. W. the Grand Master acceded to their request. They set to work with a will, and on the 16th of June I had the pleasure of revisiting them again in their own Masonic home. The work of the evening was the third degree. W. Bro. W. G. White presided. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the energy and zeal of W. Bro. J. Johnston, P. M., and Bro. C. C. Platt, a most efficient Secretary. They are born leaders of men. S. C. B. Fund paid in full, dues all paid except the small sum of \$3.00, and harmony prevails within the portals.

Silver Lodge, U. D., Cobalt : This lodge was instituted on the 17th of December. It started out with a membership of 24, and has made steady progress since its institution. I visited them on four subsequent occasions, and had an opportunity of witnessing their work in all the degrees, and can testify to their proficiency in the work. Their lodge room is of fair size, but is amply sufficient for their present needs, their appointments are good, and I can only express the hope that Grand Lodge may see its way clear to issue their warrant at the coming meeting this month.

Haileybury Lodge, U. D., Haileybury : This lodge was instituted on December 18th. It started out with a charter membership of 39, and has increased this to 69 by initiations and affiliations. I also visited this lodge on four subsequent occasions, and had an opportunity of witnessing all the degrees conferred. The work is well done and detail as to floor work is very pronounced. Their lodge room is large, airy and commodious, their furniture of the best, and their appointments of a nature to satisfy the most fastidious. Grand Lodge will make no mistake if a warrant is issued at the coming meeting of that body.

Penewobikong Lodge, U. D., Blind River : This lodge was instituted on the 9th of March. These brethren started out with a membership of 22. Their addi-

tions to their ranks are composed of five initiations and two affiliations. Their lodge room is large enough to fulfil their wants for some time to come, the ceiling is a little low, but it was the best that could be obtained at the time, and beyond being a little close in the hot summer months, it will be and is all right. Their furnishings are good, and other appointments, including refreshment room, are well adapted to their needs. I did not have an opportunity to visit these good brethren again, as the distance was too great, and I leave it to my successor to report on their progress.

During the last month of my official year I was consulted by several brethren from the town of Massey as to the prospects of obtaining letters of dispensation for a lodge at that town. I was unable to examine this locality, and will leave this matter to be dealt with by my successor. I may be permitted to say, however, that the reports obtained are of such a character that a lodge there ought to flourish.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

In reference to S. C. B. Fund, I beg to report that, taking the district as a whole, it is meeting with much favor. It is true that some lodges are still on the debit side of the ledger, but when you consider that the most enthusiastic Masons are the ones who paid in to this fund first, and that there was left the sum of some \$715.50 to be still collected when my term began, I am sure you will agree with me that the showing is good. I took every opportunity at my disposal to bring this laudable undertaking before the notice of the brethren, and I met with most hearty response in almost every occasion. There was not a single lodge but said that they would sooner or later show a clean sheet, and I look forward that in the course of the next twelve months there will no longer remain a debit to any of our lodges in the Nipissing District. Further than this, a number of the lodges have undertaken to continue the collection of the sum originally stipulated, viz., \$3.00. from each new initiate, and which they propose to send in annually to the Grand Secretary, until such time as the whole amount, as first intended, will be subscribed. I attach herewith a statement of the condition of this fund so far as information at my disposal at the moment warrants, which will explain itself.

In conclusion. I wish again to be permitted to express

my sincere thanks to the representatives of the lodges who so kindly and generously elected me to the high office, and to say that no one knows better than I do that all that ought to have been done was not done, but I hope that the year has been of benefit to us all and that the imperfections discovered will be covered over with that broad "mantle of charity," which is one of the characteristics of Masons.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT RE THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND IN NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18.

I beg herewith to enclose likewise a detailed report dealing with the condition of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund in District No. 18. In this report you will notice that six of the ten lodges which were in existence in 1904, when the scheme was first put into shape, have contributed in full as was asked. Of the six who are in this position two have overpaid, as follows : Sudbury brethren of Nickel Lodge have to their credit \$63.00. and Gore Bay Lodge, of Gore Bay, \$3.00. In addition, you will notice that two of the three lodges which have been instituted during the year have made a voluntary subscription, *e. g.*, Haileybury Lodge, Haileybury, \$75.00. and the young lodge of Penewobikong, at Blind River, have contributed the sum of \$69.00. Of the four lodges who have not completed their subscription to this worthy object all have assured me that the next year will see them clear, and I have no doubt but that that will be realized. As the fund stands at present this district only owes the sum of \$72.50 to complete all its payments as was originally intended. You will notice that it has to its credit \$210.00 overpaid, while the balance due, as shown on the last column, there is a debit balance of only \$282.50.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. HAENTSCHEL, D. D. G. M..

Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
 Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's conferred.			M. M.	F. C.	E. A.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Average attendance of members.			Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
					Men-ber-ship.	Meet-ings held.	Total.										Regular.	Emergent.									
405	Mattawa.....	55	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	\$18 00	1	\$75 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$500 00	
413	Keystone.....	254	6	15	14	13	9	4	6	4	13	29	42	34	75 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00							
420	Nipissing.....	148	10	90	9	8	9	3	4	11	2	12	13	25	109 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00							
427	Nickel.....	167	13	83	7	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	281 80	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	800 00							
443	Dymont.....	86	6	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00							
447	Saginaw Falls.....	63	5	5	10	9	7	1	3	2	3	10	6	16	5 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	200 00							
455	Dario.....	74	8	12	8	7	1	1	1	1	12	9	18	18	150 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00							
463	Tennet's.....	114	20	24	18	19	5	5	3	3	14	31	35	31	125 00	Jan. 17, '08	Good	Good	Yes	900 00							
469	Algoma.....	85	7	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	100 00							
472	Gore Bay.....	53	10	18	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00							
473	Silver.....	46	46	19	13	6	6	6	3	3	7	13	19	19	80 00	Jan. 8, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00							
474	Halleybury.....	69	69	23	15	5	7	7	3	3	7	13	19	24	42 50	Dec. 27, '07	Very Good	Very Good	Yes	900 00							
475	Penn'kong.....	29	29	5	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	5	20	24 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00							

No.	Name	Members on roll '08	Armt. due \$ each	Armt. paid to July, 1907	Armt. paid 1907-08	Total Paid	Overpaid	Balance Due	Total Paid	Armt. paid 1907-08	Total Paid	Overpaid	Balance Due
405	Mattawa.....	89	\$267 00	\$254 00	\$12 00	\$267 00							
413	Keystone.....	106	\$366 00	\$479 00	\$113 00	\$592 00							
420	Nipissing.....	110	\$390 00	\$191 00	\$50 00	\$441 00							
427	Nickel.....	136	\$378 00	\$251 00	\$50 00	\$441 00							
443	Dymont.....	68	\$204 00	\$112 00	\$25 00	\$137 00							
447	Saginaw Falls.....	40	\$180 00	\$17 00	\$131 00	\$139 00							
455	Dario.....	65	\$195 00	\$147 00	\$48 00	\$195 00							
									812	\$2436 00	\$1774 50	\$661 50	\$282 50

Remarks.—It will thus be seen that six of the ten Lodges have completed the payments asked for, while two have over paid, and two of the three new Lodges have made a voluntary subscription. I hope this meets with the approval of Grand Lodge.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NO. 19.

to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district. I must first express my gratitude to the brethren for having elected me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M., and also to express to them my appreciation of the cordial treatment extended to me while paying my official visits.

Carrying out the suggestion of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, I am omitting names of distinguished brethren I met on my several visits. I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition in this district. The officers of the different lodges deserve compliments instead of criticism. In no case have I found friction, but the opposite prevails ; neither have I been called upon to adjust any grievances, the officers being eager for any suggestions that would assist in greater proficiency. On entering on my duties my first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Major D. M. Grant, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville, as my District Secretary, and I am greatly indebted to him for his able assistance. He signified his appreciation by accompanying me on every official visit. Throughout the district I urged the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I think our discussions will have good results. The non-resident members are the ones who show the greatest apathy towards the scheme. The older members of one lodge are much opposed to contributing, but I feel disposed to say that this feeling is rapidly disappearing, and it is but a matter of time until they fall in line. It must be borne in mind that this is a year of depression, and the results cannot be expected to be as good as though very prosperous times prevailed.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of six deaths, viz. : W. Bro. A. E. French, Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge ; Bro. John R. Higgins and Bro. Wm. Sword, Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge ; Bro. Harry Brockwell, Bro. Chas. L. White, and Bro. J. W. Fitzgerald, Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, all of whom were buried with Masonic honors.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I visited Powassen Lodge, No. 443, at their regular meeting on March 13th, 1908. The W. M. worked the first degree with credit to himself and to his lodge. The Wardens and the subordinate officers acquitted themselves creditably. I was very much impressed with the personnel of this lodge, and considered them rather above the average of lodges in places of similar size.

I visited Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, at their regular meeting March 15th. The work in the first was fairly well exemplified by the W. M., and the J. W. is entitled to considerable praise for the manner in which he delivered the lecture.

I visited Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, at their regular meeting on April 6th. The W. M., for a very young Mason, deserves particular credit for the manner in which he handled his lodge, and exemplified the work in the first degree. This lodge has got comfortably installed in new quarters, and is now getting in good shape after the disastrous fire which destroyed their lodge and furniture two years ago. I was pleased to see that they escaped destruction in the recent fire. The books are neatly kept.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, at their regular meeting on the 15th of April. This is the wealthiest lodge in the district, and their quarters are handsome and convenient. The venerable W. M. exemplified the work in the first degree with credit to himself and his lodge. They have now an efficient Secretary, and the books are neat and accurate.

I visited Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, on May 5th, at their regular meeting. This lodge had no degree work, but the time was well spent in discussing the merits of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and over a motion to attend divine service. This lodge has not made

a practice of attending divine service for many years, but I learn that the attempt this year was very successful, which shows an indication that a livelier interest is being taken in lodge affairs.

I visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, at their regular meeting on May 11th. This is the only lodge in my district which exemplified the third degree. The W. M. certainly did great credit to himself by doing the work as nearly perfect as possible. This lodge is well furnished and well equipped. The books are neatly kept and the financial standing good.

I visited Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale, at their regular meeting April 21st. The W. M. exemplified the first degree, assisted by the I. P. M. The J. W. deserves credit for the manner in which he did his work. This lodge is handicapped through the members having to travel long distances to attend meetings, and at times they have difficulties in getting a quorum. They have no by-laws, and I urged on them to adopt a set so that all might work smoothly.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville : As this is my mother lodge, I did not visit it in an official capacity, as I am rarely if ever absent, and am in close touch with their work. As this lodge is the largest, and more degrees have been conferred in it than in any other lodge in the district during the year, one would naturally expect to find that the officers had attained a high degree of efficiency, and I am glad to say that this lodge will compare very favorably with any other in the district.

Throughout the district each lodge recognized the importance of an official visit from the D. D. G. M. and were present in goodly numbers.

The fourth degree in every instance was well conducted and reflected credit on the lodges. I wish to express my gratitude for the hospitality extended.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and I trust that the benefits derived will be mutual. Again I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted.

J. E. FISHER, D. D. G. M.,

Muskoka District, No. 19.

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is particularly gratifying to be able to report that in Otonabee district Masonry continues to make marked and satisfactory progress, that the ancient landmarks of the Order are duly respected and observed, and that the brethren are everywhere evincing a lively interest in the welfare of the institution. The lodges are governed and directed by able, intelligent and capable officers, who seem to pride themselves on their earnest endeavors to do all things well. From this it is not to be inferred that the work is carried on in all lodges with the same precision, for all are not favored with the same fortunate conditions. Some have more opportunities than others for the practice of our ancient rites and ceremonies, and, whether it be in the performance of the work or in the exercise of the principles of Freemasonry, it is practice that makes perfect. It is not wise or judicious to make comparison between officers, particularly where each has faithfully discharged his duties as occasion requires, but a word of commendation cannot be withheld from those painstaking and efficient Secretaries whose books, records and accounts are kept with such neatness and exactness, and whose reports are always prepared and forwarded with such promptness. The membership of the various lodges shows commendable increase, and it is firmly believed that this has been attained with due regard to the quality of the material. Indeed, there is every evidence that the brethren have been scrupulously exacting in at all times demanding that candidates for admission must be good men and true.

The growth in membership and attendance has created a necessity in some places for larger and better accommodation. The brethren of Clementi Lodge, Lakefield, are finding their present quarters altogether too

small. The brethren of the Port Hope lodges have rented, and handsomely equipped, new rooms, which were regularly dedicated on May 7th, 1908. The brethren of Lorne Lodge, Omemee, were visited by a disastrous fire on December 13th, 1907, which resulted in the complete destruction of their rooms. But they were not thereby discouraged. They took immediate action and secured new premises, which are now ready for occupation and dedication.

The lodges are all in good financial standing and have the best of prospects. The returns, however, show some large amounts of arrearages for dues. This is a condition, to remedy which every effort should be made. The brother who allows his subscriptions to accumulate is storing up trouble for himself as well as doing a grave injustice to his lodge.

The returns also show that the brethren are contributing something for the relief of the needy and unfortunate. All but one of the lodges have subscribed to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Several of them have paid their share thereto in full, while others have made such arrangements as will enable them in a short time to discharge the claims against them, so that there is yet hope that this truly worthy and truly Masonic fund may be collected—some day.

The several lodges in the jurisdiction were officially visited on the dates following :

- Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, Sept. 3rd, 1907.
- Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, Sept. 6th, 1907.
- Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood, Sept. 9th, 1907.
- Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville, Dec. 18, 1907.
- I. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook, Dec. 19th, 1907.
- Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene, Dec. 20th, 1907.
- Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, Dec. 23rd, 1907.
- Corinthian Lodge, No. 101 ; Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough, Dec. 27th, 1907.
- Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock, Dec. 30th, 1907.
- Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, April 17th, 1908.
- Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle, April 22nd, 1908.
- Orono Lodge, No. 324, Orono, April 23rd, 1908.

On the occasion of the above visits Lorne and Keene Lodges had no work. The District Deputy, assisted by brethren from Peterborough and Corinthian Lodges, installed the incoming officers in Clementi, Corinthian,

Peterborough and Havelock lodges, and in the other lodges one or more of the several degrees of Craft Masonry were exemplified by the officers of the lodges.

In concluding his report, the District Deputy has to thank the brethren of the District for the honor which they have conferred upon him and for the universal and unanimous courtesy extended to him while discharging his official duties. He has also to express his regret that absence from the district prevented as faithful a performance as he could wish of the work which the responsible nature of the office justly demands.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DUNCAN WALKER, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District, No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Mem- bership Conf'd			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
98	Ontario.....	Port Hope	9	7	8	139	9	5	5	1	11	14	30	90	185 75	20	\$ 250 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	\$1200 00
51	Jerusalem.....	Rowmanville	0	0	6	96	5	0	0	1	11	12	33	33	86 75	6	11 50	Dec. 12, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1400 00
60	Durham.....	Newcastle	8	6	5	34	8	0	0	1	14	4	17	17	95 00	19	156 00	July 6, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough	4	5	9	143	11	4	1	2	13	3	15	27	90 00	35	300 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
114	Hope.....	Port Hope	12	12	17	123	17	1	1	1	13	11	24	35	90 00	35	167 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1300 00
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	5	8	8	61	3	0	0	1	11	1	19	14	65 00	13	64 60	Dec. 27, '07	Excellent	Bright	Yes	300 00
153	Peterboro.....	Peterborough	13	14	17	217	14	13	14	1	13	15	28	44	...	0	50 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
223	Norwood.....	Norwood	8	10	11	94	8	9	10	1	14	5	19	38	...	0	...	Dec. 27, '07	Very good	Good	Yes	400 00
313	Clarendon.....	Lakefield	2	1	3	74	2	1	3	1	12	12	23	33	...	3	49 13	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	None
325	Grono.....	Grono	3	4	8	38	7	0	0	1	9	10	14	14	...	8	77 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
374	Keene.....	Keene	1	2	2	33	1	0	0	1	5	4	9	9	...	2	10 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	None
375	Lorne.....	Omenee	1	2	2	38	1	0	0	1	5	4	9	9	...	2	10 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
423	Havelock.....	Havelock	7	7	7	85	7	1	1	1	11	11	21	19	...	2	10 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes

*Note—Keene Lodge has made no return for 1908. The figures are those given in 1907.

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, the following report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Eastern District No. 21, during the past year.

As soon as possible after assuming office I communicated and got in touch with the various lodge Secretaries, notified them of my appointment, and requested them to regularly transmit to me a copy of every summons. I appointed W. Bro. Rev. Chas. O. Carson, M. A., of Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales, as District Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. Henry Smith, of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet, as District Secretary, and I am greatly indebted to both these brethren for their kind and able assistance in my official duties.

The district contains fifteen registered lodges, with an aggregate membership of 1,073. I have visited every lodge once, the greater number twice, and many of them three times.

The condition of Masonry in this district is eminently satisfactory. Every lodge in the district is prosperous, progressive and harmonious. The brethren have been careful and judicious in making their selection of officers. I am glad to be able to report the work uniform throughout the district, owing in a great measure to the painstaking efforts of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. S. S. Reveler. The work is not only uniform, but is well done in every lodge in the district, and by the regular officers. From the Master down all are painstaking and enthusiastic in their work.

Four Lodges of Instruction were held during the past year. One, under the auspices of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, on the afternoon and evening of February 26th ; one, under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge, No. 430, Alexandria, on the afternoon and

evening of March 26th ; one, under the auspices of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville, on the afternoon and evening of April 6th, and one, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, on the evening of June 9th. Every lodge in the district, with their regular officers, participated in and exemplified a degree, or some part of a degree at someone of these meetings. (See appendix for programmes.) These several lodges of Instruction were well attended by the brethren throughout the district. Visiting brethren from Montreal, Toronto, Brockville and other outside points were present. These meetings have proved of great benefit, not only in attaining uniformity of work, but in obtaining the necessary practice and confidence to perform the work intelligently, also in bringing the brethren of the various lodges together, thus enabling them to become acquainted and to discuss matters of interest to the district and to the Craft in general, as well as in cultivating the social side of Masonry. A banquet invariably followed these gatherings, generously provided by the brethren of the lodge under whose auspices the meeting was held.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburg, having been granted a warrant, was constituted and consecrated on the 24th October, 1907 (thus formally placing it on the register as the youngest lodge in the district.

The following new lodge rooms were dedicated during the year : St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, on June 9th ; Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales, on June 12th ; Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville, on June 15th ; Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria, on June 23rd ; Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore, on June 26th ; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet, on June 30th.

Seven especial communications of the Grand Lodge were summoned for the performance of these ceremonies. The Masterhip of the Grand Master was present and personally dedicated the rooms of Farran's Point Lodge, assisted by Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges. R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden, represented the M. W. the Grand Master at the dedication of Plantagenet Lodge rooms. He was assisted by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, P. D. D. G. M., together with various Masters and Past Masters from Ottawa city. I had the honor of representing the M.

W. the Grand Master at the remaining five functions. Two or three lodge rooms in the district have yet to be dedicated, which will be looked after by my successor in office.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales : I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on April 13th. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Every officer was in his place. W. Bro. Colquhoun and his officers raised one candidate to the Sublime Degree in an almost faultless manner. The opening and closing in the various degrees was well done, and the floor work was excellent. The books and finances are well looked after by the Secretary. The lodge room is beautifully furnished and is perfect in all its appointments. It was dedicated on the evening of June 12th. This is one of the progressive lodges of the district, and has a bright future. Membership 63. Net increase during year, 1.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster : I visited this lodge at regular meeting on the evening of April 14th. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. A third degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Gunn and his officers, who are enthusiastic in their work. The books are well and neatly kept. The financial standing is good and prospects bright. The lodge room is large, convenient, and comfortably furnished. Membership 74. Net increase during year, 1.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois : I officially visited this lodge at its regular meeting on April 15th. There was a large attendance of members, besides several visitors. W. Bro. Everett and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. Two candidates were balloted for and one degree conferred, the work being well done. The room is large and comfortably furnished, but has not yet been dedicated. This will no doubt be attended to during the coming year. The finances are in a healthy condition and the books are excellently kept, with prospects very bright. Membership 102.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburg : I officially visited this lodge at the regular meeting on April 16th. This is the youngest lodge in the district, having been constituted and consecrated on the 24th October last. The lodge room is small, but beautifully and com-

fortably furnished. The officers, one and all, are perfect in the performance of their several duties. The books are well and neatly kept, and the lodge in good circumstances financially, with only two members in arrears. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and two candidates passed. This young lodge is making rapid progress. Membership 29. Net increase during year, 9.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville : I officially visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on April 17th. There was a good attendance. I had previously asked the Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, to place all his work on the summons for this emergent meeting, with the result that one candidate was balloted for, one initiated, four passed to the second degree, and two raised to the sublime degree. The officers were in their places and the work well done in each degree. The books are properly kept and the arrearage is small. This good old lodge has made great progress during the past year. The brethren have now large and beautifully furnished rooms, complete in all their appointments. M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, was present and personally dedicated this beautiful Craft home on the afternoon of June 15th. Its financial standing is good, and prospects bright. Membership 77. Net increase during year, 4.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria : I officially visited this lodge at its regular meeting on May 5th. There was a fair attendance of members and a few visitors. The Junior Warden and Senior Deacon were unavoidably absent. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by W. Bro. Bradley and his officers in a faultless manner. There was no degree work at this meeting, but as I had seen the degree work exemplified by the W. M. on former occasions, I can vouch for its accuracy. The books are well kept, but there is a large amount of arrears of dues, which, it is promised, will be materially reduced in the near future. This lodge is making wonderful progress, and its prospects are very bright. It has one of the most beautiful and comfortably furnished new rooms in the district. It was dedicated on the evening of June 23, R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden, and R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston, P. D. D. G. M., assisting. Membership 55. Net increase during year, 1.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall : I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on the evening of May 6th. There was a large attendance of members and four visitors. There was no degree work at this meeting, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a well nigh perfect manner by W. Bro. Snetsinger and his efficient staff of officers. I had previously seen them exemplify degree work in the same correct way. I found the books perfection itself. This is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district. It is in a good position financially and scarcely any arrears of dues. Besides having the largest membership, it has the largest and most convenient and comfortable Craft home in the district. Membership 117. Net increase during year 3.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville : Visited this lodge at its regular meeting on May 11th. There was a fair attendance of members and two visiting brethren, one a member of a lodge in Palestine. The officers were all in their places except the Senior Warden, Rev. D. Stewart, who was absent on account of illness. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a fairly accurate manner, and a third degree was well conferred. The lodge furnishings are good, and the place comfortable, but the rooms are not all that could be desired. The books are correctly kept, but there are considerable outstanding dues. Financially this is the strongest lodge in the district. Prospects good. Membership 78. Net increase during year, 3.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore : Visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 12th. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M. and his regular officers in a very creditable way. There was a good average attendance at this meeting, notwithstanding the next to impassible state of the roads and heavy rain all evening. Four candidates were on the summons, but for some reason were not present. At a former visit I saw the W. M. confer degrees in a fairly accurate manner. The books are correctly kept, and the dues are not allowed to fall very far behind. The financial standing of the lodge is good, and we bespeak for it a bright future. The lodge room, though not large or tastily finished, is very nicely and comfortably furnished, and with all requirements. The brethren are zealous and enthusiastic, and by resolution at this meeting requested that their

rooms be dedicated, which request was complied with on the evening of the 26th June. Membership 63. Net increase during year, 4.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville : I visited this lodge on the evening of May 13th. There was a good attendance of members and six visitors. W. Bro. McLean and his officers are well up in the work. There were no candidates present, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable way. Every branch of the work is well done in this lodge. The books are neatly and correctly kept, the lodge is in good shape financially, and its prospects are very bright. The rooms are large, convenient and beautiful, and as soon as the contemplated new furnishings are in it will be one of the finest Craft homes in the district. This lodge looks after its own needy ones. Membership 85.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester : I visited this lodge on the evening of May 14th. The Senior and Junior Deacons were absent, the former on account of illness. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a second degree conferred. The entire work was well done. This is one of the lodges with a large balance, but there are considerable outstanding dues. They have a beautiful home and a bright future. Membership 102. Net increase during year, 3.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg : Visited on May 15th at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The officers were all in their places, and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and several degrees conferred in a highly satisfactory manner. The financial standing of the lodge is excellent and the arrearage of dues is small. It has a well kept set of books, and a bright future outlook. It has a large, well furnished and comfortable home, and stands at the head of the lodges in the district, with the highest net increase in membership during the year. Membership 72. Net increase 10.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet : I officially visited this, my mother lodge, on the evening of June 5th. There was no work at this meeting, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The work is fairly well done in this lodge. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Fraser, the Assistant Secretary. It is in easy circumstances financially, and its prospects are fair. The

hall is a new one and is owned by the lodge. It is the smallest in the district, but cosy and comfortably furnished. It was dedicated on the evening of June 30 by R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden, assisted by R. W. Bro. David Taylor and several other brethren from Ottawa. Membership 49. Net increase during year, 3.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill : The well furnished and comfortable rooms of this, the oldest lodge in the district, were dedicated on the afternoon of June 9th, a large number of brethren from sister lodges assisting in the ceremony. On the evening of the same day, and at its regular meeting, I officially visited this lodge. There was a very large attendance of members, also a large number of visiting brethren from Alexandria, Hawkesbury, and Plantagenet lodges. Every officer was in his place. All the work in this lodge is well done. The books are well looked after, showing the lodge to be in good financial standing, but, like many other lodges, showing too large an amount of uncollected dues. The prospects of the lodge, owing to its situation, are of the best. Membership 73. Net increase during year, 6. A Lodge of Instruction immediately followed, participated in by Hawkesbury, St. John's and Plantagenet lodges.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury : I officially visited this lodge on the evening of June 18th. There was a fair attendance of members and a few visitors. The Senior Warden and one Deacon were absent, having been called out of town on business. There was no degree work at this meeting, but the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very accurately. I saw the degree work very well exemplified on other occasions. The books are neatly and correctly kept, but there is a large amount of arrears of dues. The lodge has a substantial balance on hand, and its prospects are good. Membership 57. Net increase during year, 2.

Every lodge in the district loyally assumed and paid its apportionment of the cost of D. D. G. M. regalia. Each lodge, unasked, also paid \$5 to cover travelling expenses. In addition to this, I found my hotel bill paid by the brethren of Cornwall, Excelsior, Farran's Point, Chesterville and Henderson lodges. I was generously entertained by Rev. C. O. Carson, of Wales Lodge. Dr.

Gunn, W. M. of Lancaster Lodge, and W. Bro. Bradley, W. M. of Alexandria, on the occasion of my visits to their respective lodges.

During the autumn months I think the greater part of the balance still due on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund will be paid, as reports are encouraging. Wales Lodge, No. 458, is the only lodge in the district that has paid its apportionment in full. It did this over four years ago, and has since stood at the head of the lodges in the district as our brightest example of universal benevolence. I have done all I could on behalf of this fund, short of making a personal canvass. I issued three appeals (see appendix), one to the lodges, one to the newly elected W. M's, and one addressed to every individual brother in the district. I also brought the matter before the lodges on the occasions of my official visits.

All lodges in the district annually elect auditors and have their books regularly audited once; and some of the lodges twice, a year, and the result reported to the lodge. Fourteen lodges have a balance on hand, the highest being \$1,300, and the lowest about \$42. the aggregate being about \$4,000. One lodge is in debt to the extent of \$250 for refurnishing and fitting up new hall, which indebtedness, it is expected, will be wiped off this fall.

Fourteen of the lodges in the district occupy rented quarters, the highest rental being \$100 and the lowest \$35 per year, plus light and heat. One of these fourteen lodges holds a controlling interest in the building in which its rooms are situated. One lodge in the district owns the building it occupies.

The secretarial work throughout the district is correctly performed. The work done by a few of these officers is perhaps not very elaborate or neat, but it is correct. The large majority, however, do the work beautifully and perfectly in every detail. Seven only of the fifteen Secretaries are Past Masters. Two only annually submit a written report to the lodge, covering the entire year's work, those two being Past Masters. All have been faithful in their duties and have regularly transmitted returns and copies of lodge summonses, as required by Book of Constitution.

None of the Secretaries or Treasurers in the district are bonded officers. With one or two exceptions the lodge funds are deposited in the local banks.

None of the Past Masters or other qualified brethren deliver lectures on Masonic subjects in any of the lodges in the district.

Six lodges regularly, once a year, attend divine service clothed as Masons, two occasionally, and seven not at all.

Canvassing for office in the private lodge, I am glad to say, is not practiced to any extent in Eastern District No. 21. But lodge canvassing for the office of D. D. G. M. is still looked upon by a few of the lodges as the proper thing to do. The sending out of letters signed by the W. M. and Past Masters on behalf of their favorite candidate, and setting forth the claims of their particular lodge for recognition, is certainly unmasonic and contrary to the spirit of Masonry. On November 15th I addressed a letter to the W. M's and brethren of the various lodges (see appendix) asking them to discountenance the truly unmasonic habit of canvassing for office.

With two or three exceptions I find the lodge by-laws are, to a great extent, obsolete.

There are 138 Past Masters in the district, Cornwall and Friendly Brothers standing at the head of the list with 18 and 17 respectively.

The following brethren have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above : Bro. James Cross, an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, No. 21a ; Bro. Stephen A. Dunn, of Lancaster Lodge, No. 207 ; Bro. Thos. Brown, of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256 ; Bro. Nelson Bride, of Avonmore Lodge, No. 452..

On the occasions of my official visits I made the following recommendations : That every member should have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the ballot with regard to its conduction and its secrecy, and, in connection with it, his duty to his brethren, and what is required towards his family and his friends, these being chief essentials in the harmony of every lodge.

That there should be an understanding among the lodges whereby each lodge would take its turn in having one of its best qualified members elected to the office of D. D. G. M., beginning either with the oldest or youngest lodge in the district, and thus avoid the unmasonic practice of lodge canvassing for that office.

That a full insurance on the paraphernalia and furniture be carried.

That the annual audit and report should not on any account be neglected.

That the Treasurer and Secretary be bonded officers.

That the Secretary annually, on the 27th December, submit a written report to the lodge covering the entire year's business and work.

That all arrears of dues of over a year's standing be wiped off the books, either by remission, suspension, or collection.

That attending divine service, clothed as Masons, should be an annual event in every lodge.

That lectures on Masonic subjects be given in every lodge by some qualified brother.

In conclusion, I desire to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me last July. I also desire, briefly but warmly, to thank my brethren throughout the district for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me. No D. D. G. M. ever received greater kindness from his brethren. My sincere thanks are also due to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, for his kind advice and assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District, No. 21.

APPENDIX TO REPORT.

Treadwell, Ont., Nov. 4th, 1907.

To the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of _____

Lodge, No. —, A. F. & A. M., ———, Ont. :

Worshipful Sir and Brethren : It is my duty, as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master in Eastern District No. 21, to again urge upon you the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The glad Christmas-tide is again drawing near, the time of all the year to be happy and to exchange little tokens of love and remembrance with those near and dear to us. It is the time, too, when we feel most disposed to remember the less fortunate ones in our midst, and, if needs be, to soothe their afflictions and relieve their necessities. And so, in the sacred name of Him who has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and whose birth this joyous season commemorates. I ask you to give from your abundance the small amount of \$3.00 asked by Grand Lodge as your contribution to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, the revenue of which will

be added to the benevolent grants for the relief of our needy brethren and the widows and orphans of Masons.

The amount distributed by Grand Lodge last year was \$25,165.00. These grants, together with the running expenses of Grand Lodge, aggregate \$37,461.72, while the revenue covering the same period amounted to \$37,359.79, leaving a deficit of \$101.93, which had to be taken from the capital account.

Our representatives in Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, pledged the lodges to the scheme, and have since repeatedly endorsed it. Every brother in the jurisdiction was asked to contribute one dollar a year for three years, which would raise the required \$100,000.00. The amount expected from this district is \$2,766.00, of which only \$573.00 has thus far been paid in to the Grand Secretary, being an average of about 62 cents per member in the district.

Brethren, Grand Lodge requires this fund. Our indigent brethren are looking to you for it and expecting it. Our widows and orphans will bless you for it. Do not disappoint them. We owe it as a duty to Grand Lodge for caring for them, and, in accordance with our professed principles, even our obligations, it is incumbent upon us as Masons.

It is the first time Grand Lodge has asked the individual brother for a contribution. On a former occasion—that never to be forgotten period in your existence when you stood helpless and destitute in the northeast—when approached you were not in a position to give. You said you would if it were in your power. You are now in a position to do so, and Grand Lodge asks you to redeem your word and show to the world that the Masons of Ontario mean what they say when they call Relief one of the three great fundamental principles of our ancient fraternity.

Worshipful Sir, I earnestly urge you to bring this important matter before your lodge without delay. Appoint a committee to interview each individual brother who can afford this small amount, and I am confident that he will cheerfully embrace the opportunity practicing that virtue which he once professed to admire.

An alternative, and I think a more business-like method, would be to give previous notice and by resolution pay the amount out of the general funds in either one.

two or three annual payments, and, if necessary, assess the brethren for it.

Now brethren, I leave this matter in your hands, in the full confidence that you will deem it not only a sacred duty but a great privilege to assist with this noble scheme which will speak words of comfort and consolation to our sorrow-laden and poverty-stricken long after we have "crossed that bourne when no traveller returns."

Yours fraternally.

(Sgd.) JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.
CANVASSING FOR OFFICE.

Treadwell, Ont., Nov. 15, 1907.

*To the W. M., Officers and brethren of _____
Lodge, No. —, A. F. & A. M., —, Ont. :*

W. Sir and Brethren : As the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place early in December, I feel it is my duty to direct the attention of the various lodges in the district to that paragraph (12th) in the 1907 report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, page 344, with respect to the election of Master and the duty of the Installing Board ; also, to that paragraph (15th) in the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address, page 353, with regard to canvassing for office.

For the information, particularly of the younger brethren, I would strongly recommend that the paragraphs cited be read in open lodge.

Do not, my brethren, on any consideration, countenance canvassing for office. It is debasing. It reduces Masonry to the level of politics. It is unmasonic. With kind regards. Yours fraternally,

(Sgd.) JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.
SEMI-CENT. BENEVOLENT FUND.

Treadwell, November 20, 1907.

My Dear Brother : It is my duty, as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in Eastern District No. 21, to again urge upon you the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

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I earnestly ask you to give this all important matter your immediate attention by at once handing in your contribution to the Secretary of your lodge. The G. A. O. T. U. has bountifully provided for us during these years and we would not consider this \$3.00 anything more than

a small thank offering, which at the same time would be a means towards relieving the needs of those whom, by our vows of charity, we are bound to succor.

There are very few of the brethren in this prosperous Eastern District who cannot afford the amount. Perhaps in the near future we will feel less disposed, less able to contribute, and consequently the claims upon Grand Lodge will be much greater than at present.

Now, my brethren, I place this appeal in your hands, in the full confidence that you will deem it not only a sacred duty, but a great privilege to assist with this noble scheme which will speak words of comfort and consolation to our sorrow-laden and poverty-stricken long after we have "crossed that bourne from whence no traveller returns." Yours fraternally,

JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.
SEMI-CENT. BENEVOLENT FUND.

Treadwell, Ont., Feb. 6, 1908.

_____, Esq.,

W. M. _____ Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
_____, Ont.

Dear Sir and W. Bro. : I trust that you will, during your term of office, use your best influence with the lodge, and the brethren generally, on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The more thought we give to this matter the stronger our conviction becomes that the scheme is not only a very worthy one, deserving our hearty support, but it is also a very necessary one, if Grand Lodge is to keep up with the ever-increasing claims upon its charity.

There is no doubt but that if the brethren throughout the jurisdiction do not respond to the appeal of Grand Lodge in this matter, our per capita tax will be increased from fifty cents, as at present, to seventy-five cents, or perhaps one dollar a year.

Wishing you a pleasant and prosperous official year.

Yours fraternally,

(Sgd. JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.)
Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Iroquois.

Thursday, February 26, 1908.

Programme.

Opening of lodge in first degree by the officers of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, at 3 p.m. sharp
Address of welcome by W. Bro. C. E. Cameron.

- Conferring of first degree by Excelsior Lodge, No. 142.
Morrisburg.
Calling from labor to refreshment by Excelsior Lodge.
No. 142.
Calling from refreshment to labor at 7.30 p. m. sharp by
Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143.
Examination of candidate in first degree.
Opening in second degree by Friendly Brothers Lodge,
No. 143.
Passing of candidate by Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256,
Aultsville.
Examination of candidate in second degree.
Opening in third degree by Wales Lodge, No. 458. Wales.
Conferring of third degree by Cornwall Lodge, No. 125,
Cornwall.
Examination of brother in third degree.
Exemplification of examination of visitors by R. W. Bro.
John Smith, D. D. G. M.
General business.
Closing of third degree by Wales Lodge.
Closing of second degree by Wales Lodge.
Closing of first degree by Friendly Brothers Lodge,
Iroquois.
Fourth degree.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Alexandria.

Thursday, March 26, 1908.

Programme.

- Opening of lodge in first degree by the officers of the
Alexandria Lodge, No. 430, Alexandria, at 2.30 p.m.
sharp.
Address of welcome by Bro. E. H. Tiffany, P. M.
Conferring first degree by Alexandria Lodge, No. 439.
Calling from labor to refreshment by Alexandria Lodge,
No. 439.
Calling from refreshment to labor by Maxville Lodge,
No. 418, Maxville.
Examination of candidate in first degree.
Opening in second degree by Maxville Lodge, No. 418.
Passing of candidate by Maxville Lodge, No. 418.
Calling from labor to refreshment by Maxville Lodge,
No. 418.
Calling from refreshment to labor by Lancaster Lodge,
No. 207, Lancaster.

Examination of candidate in second degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Opening of third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Conferring of third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Examination of brother in third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Exemplification of examination of visitors.

Closing of third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Closing of second degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

General business.

Closing of first degree by Alexandria Lodge, No. 439.

Refreshments.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Chesterville.

Monday, April 6th, 1908.

Programme.

Opening of Lodge in first degree by the officers of the Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, at 2.30 p. m. sharp.

Address of welcome by W. Bro. Miles Brown, M. D.

Conferring of first degree by Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480.

Examination of candidate in first degree by Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480.

Opening in second degree by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Passing of candidate by Chesterville Lodge, No. 320.

Calling from labor to refreshment by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Past Master's Lodge.

Calling from refreshment to labor at 7.30 p. m. sharp, by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Examination of candidate in second degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Opening of third degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Conferring of third degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Examination of brother in third degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Exemplification of examination of visitors by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Closing of third degree by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Closing of second degree by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

General Business.

Closing of first degree by Chesterville Lodge, No. 320.

Refreshments.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Vankleek Hill.

Tuesday, June 9th, 1908.

Programme.

Opening in first degree by the officers of St. John's Lodge,
No. 21a, at 7 o'clock sharp.

Reception and official visit of R. W. Bro. John Smith, D.
D. G. M.

Conferring of first degree by St. John's Lodge, No. 21a.

Opening in second degree by Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186.

Conferring of second degree by Plantagenet Lodge,
No. 186.

Opening in third degree by Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186.

Conferring of third degree by Hawkesbury Lodge, No.
450.

Closing in third degree by Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450.

Closing in second degree by Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450.

Closing in first degree by St. John's Lodge, No. 21a.

Exemplification of examination of visitors.

Refreshments.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Eastern District, No. 21, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Mem- bership	Degree's Conf'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Dispositions, N. P. D.	Dispositions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet'gs held	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
214	St. John's	Vankleet Hill	73	9	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	35	40	10	\$ 148 00	June 24, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 900 00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	117	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	40	40	9	14 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	72	10	6	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	24	32	12	75 00	June 27, '06	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois	109	7	4	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	19	25	92	49 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fine	Yes	250 00
254	Farran's Pt.	Autaville	77	4	7	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	6	15	15	47 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00
307	Lancaster	Lancaster	74	1	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	10	43	134 75	June 15, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
186	Pantag's	Pantaguet	49	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	21	5	11	55 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
320	Chester v'le	Chesterville	78	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	16	25	25	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Best	Good	Yes	400 00
353	Henderson	Winchester	102	3	9	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	17	.....	30	99 50	Dec. 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
418	Maxville	Maxville	77	5	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	11	63	45	58 85	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	55	1	.....	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	25	32	293 00	Dec. 31, '07	Debt	Good	Yes	400 00
450	Hawkebury	Hawkebury	57	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	15	.....	90	293 00	June 24, '08	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
452	Arvonmore	Arvonmore	48	4	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	13	12	8	63 00	June 24, '08	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
458	Wales	Wales	63	4	4	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	15	.....	2	22 50	July 1, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
466	Williamburg	Williamburg	29	9	7	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	15	.....	2	6 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00

CALLED OFF.

At 12 o'clock noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p. M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, on the throne, presided over the grand officers, members, and representatives.

VISITORS.

A deputation from Washington Lodge, No. 24 Buffalo, N. Y., consisting of R. W. Bro. George Henry Chase, G. J. D. Grand Lodge of New York ; R. W. Bro. J. William Prouse, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, near the Grand Lodge of New York and W. Bro. Frank T. Gilbert, P. M., was introduced by the V. W. Director of Ceremonies and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

REPORT OF BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to report that having examined the books, papers, etc., submitted to them, they recommend :

1. That Warrants be issued to the following lodges as present under dispensation : Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft. Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton ; Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden ; Halleybury Lodge, No. 485, Halleybury Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt.

2. That the dispensations granted to the following lodges be continued during the ensuing year. Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River ; King Edward Lodge, Harrow ; St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden ; Osiris Lodge, Smith's Falls.

3. That we desire to express our entire satisfaction with the work done by Penewobikong and King Edward Lodges, also the manner in which the records are kept, but on account

of the short space of time under dispensation have recommended as above.

4. That we would further recommend that District Deputy Grand Masters point out to lodges under dispensation the necessity of procuring correct books for keeping their minutes, register and record of membership.

Fraternally submitted,

A. SHAW,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report :

1. That tenders for the contract for Grand Lodge printing have been called for.

2. The Board will endeavor to place the various reports to Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

W. GEO. EAKINS,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have pleasure in reporting that they have

audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received from the Grand Secretary have been deposited to the credit of the Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full account of receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

The total receipts of revenue have been \$38 924 80

The total expenditures are as follows—

General Purposes \$15,412 62

Grants for Benevolence. 21,956 30

37,368 92

Receipts over expenditures

1,585 88

The receipts last year were \$37,359 79

The increase this year being. . . . 1,595 01

It is with the greatest pleasure that we have to record that the receipts have reached the highest point in the history of the Grand Lodge, which speaks well for the prosperous condition of the Craft under this Grand Lodge's jurisdiction.

The following securities were held by Grand Lodge on General Account on the 31st May, 1908—

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent.	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, 6 per cent.	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings, 4 per cent. . . .	15,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . . .	10,000 00
Canadian Savings and Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . . .	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . .	15,000 00
City of Brantford, 4 per cent.	8,000 00
St. Thomas Debentures, 4 per cent.	12,148 50
City of Toronto, 3½ per cent.	4,866 66
Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent.	4,473 59
Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent.	4,681 75
Town of Kincardine, 5 per cent.	500 00
City of Port Arthur, 5 per cent.	1,000 00
City of Toronto, 3½ per cent.	5,626 47
City of Hamilton, 4 per cent.	3,000 00
City of Berlin, Ont., 5 per cent.	5,523 08
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., 4 ½ per cent. . .	5,000 00

\$109,820 05

Balance at Canadian Bank of Commerce,

May 31, 1908 \$7,044 20

Less outstanding cheques. 336 87

6,707 33

\$116,527 38

During the year the following debentures matured: The Canada Permanent for \$10,000.00, the Landed Banking and Loan Co. for \$5,000.00, and the Town of Brockville for \$342.85, and were paid in to the Grand Treasurer. The Investment Committee of Grand Lodge have placed these funds, together

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with \$306.70 taken from the current account, in the following securities :

Town of Kincardine..	\$ 500 00
City of Port Arthur	1,000 00
City of Toronto..	5,626 47
City of Hamilton	3,000 00
City of Berlin	5,523 08
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	\$15,649 55

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUNDS.

Your Committee regret to find that the amount contributed and reported to this worthy scheme during the present year has not been as large as was anticipated under the new arrangement.

We, however, have reason to believe that quite a considerable sum of money is now collected for this fund and in the hands of the lodge officers and committees, and we would recommend that all such sums be immediately forwarded to the Grand Secretary for investment.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the services of R. W. Bro. Nixon, in connection with this fund, have been productive of good results, and that continued effort on his part, and more aggressive action on the part of Masters and officers will produce a marked increase in the contributions for the ensuing year.

We would recommend that each lodge in arrears to this fund appoint a special committee to canvas the individual members for subscriptions, and that after such canvas has been thoroughly made any balance not thus provided for should be made up by private subscription or from the general fund of the lodge in two annual payments, so that this special fund account may be closed within the limit of time prescribed by Grand Lodge at its last meeting, viz., 1910, A. D., and we further recommend that all members initiated since 1905 be requested to contribute to the fund from which in future years they may receive benefits.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is invested as follows :

City of Toronto, 3½ per cent.	\$5,000 00
City of Woodstock, 4½ per cent.	4,000 00
City of Ottawa, 5 per cent.	10 000 00
City of Peterborough, 3 per cent.	2,000 00
City of Peterboro, 4 per cent.	1 000 00
City of St. Catharines, 4 per cent.	5,319 96
Town of East Toronto, 5 per cent.	1,635 12
Town of Owen Sound, 4½ per cent.	1,000 00
Town of Galt, 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Kincardine, 5 per cent.	1,000 00
Township of Saltfleet, 5 per cent.	4 000 00
Town of Oshawa, 4½ per cent.	5,272 13
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock.	100 00
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	\$43,327 21

Balance at credit Current Account in	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31	\$2,262 28
Less outstanding cheques	60 00
	<u>2,202</u>

Total \$45,529

Your Committee has examined the accounts as per summary of expenditure shown in the Grand Secretary's report amounting to \$15,412.62, and have found them correct, and recommend the same for the approval of Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary has also submitted the following estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current year, which meets with the approval of your Committee, and is recommended to Grand Lodge for authorization.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1909.

Certificates	\$ 100 00
Dues	21,000 00
Fees	9,000 00
Dispensations	500 00
Warrants	60 00
Constitutions, Ceremonies, etc.	1,000 00
Commutation of dues	900 00
Miscellaneous	640 00
Interest on Investments	5,300 00
Total Receipts on General Account	<u>38,500 00</u>
Interest on Semi-Centennial Fund Investments	2,000 00
	<u>\$40 500 00</u>

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1909.

Salary of Grand Treasurer	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary	2,000 00
Salary of Auditor	300 00
Salary of Chief Clerk	800 00
Salary of Stenographer	720 00
Salary of Clerk	600 00
Superannuation allowance of former Chief Clerk	800 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's Office	1,000 00
Printing and Stationery	3,000 00
Certificates and Warrants	400 00
Office rent	460 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and B. of G. P. meetings	1,800 00
Expenses of commissions and delegations	100 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	750 00
Postage of Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of Committee on Benevolence	40 00
Travelling Expenses of Grand Master	500 00
Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00
Rent of telephone	60 00
Insurance on Furniture, Regalia, etc.	70 00

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Rent of Safety Deposit Box..	25 00
Masonic Relief Association..	200 00
R. W. Bro. Nixon, attendance at Benevolence Com- mittee (special)	25 00
Sundry expenses..	150 00
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	\$14,100 00
Grants for Benevolence..	24,000 00
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Total expenditure on General Account..	38,100 00
Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund	2,000 00
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	\$40,100 00

Your Committee beg to submit herewith the report of the Auditor on the financial statements, and certifying to their correctness.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have duly considered the motion of R. W. Bro. Fred Harcourt, referred to us by your Board, and we recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be inserted in the estimated expenditure of Grand Lodge for the payment of services of a stenographer for the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

Having been honored with the appointment as Grand Auditor for Grand Lodge accounts from the M. W. the Grand Master, I commenced the work as from the 1st December, 1907, and have made continuous audits of the General and Semi-Centennial Fund accounts of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary from that date and up to 31st May, 1908.

Prior to 1st December, 1907, the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were "certified to as being correct" by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, the then Auditor.

With the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation on the 26th May, 1908. The debentures, with coupons attached, were found intact and agreeing with the schedule attached to the Grand Treasurer's Statement of Investments of the General and Semi-Centennial Fund.

I have examined the statements of receipts and payments of the Grand Secretary, both of the General and Semi-Centennial Fund accounts, and certify to their correctness, and also

to the proper and prompt deposit of the receipts to the credit of the Grand Lodge in the Bank of Commerce.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.,
Chartered Accountant.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg leave to report as follows :

During the year which has lapsed since the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board, made twenty-three (23) interim grants to applicants, amounting to the sum of \$1,216.30.

The system of making interim grants has again been the means of assisting many brethren and widows when assistance was most necessary.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the cash receipts during the financial year just closed are again in excess of the receipts of previous year.

Thirty-five (35) grants have been made from the interest accrued from the investment of the Semi-Centennial Fund, amounting to \$2,000.00. These grants have been made in cases where the limit of grants fixed by Grand Lodge from general fund was not sufficient to provide for the needs of the applicants. Two grants were made by the Chairman with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, amounting to the sum of \$100.00, both cases arising since the last meeting of Grand Lodge and both being cases of extreme necessity.

Three hundred and eighty-seven applications were received, namely :

186 Grants through Local Boards, amounting to..	\$11,210 00
199 Grants through lodges, amounting to	13,190 00

And there were two applications rejected.

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge :

Mrs. T. D. Harrington.. . . .	\$300 00	
Miss Mary Wilson.. . . .	300 00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00	675 00

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Total amount of grants made at this annual communication	\$25,075 00
Interim grants made since last meeting of Grand Lodge	1,216 30
Grants recommended from interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	2,000 00

Total grants for the year \$28,291 30

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to about \$15,000.00.

In accordance with Rule No. 7 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received from these lodges, as to the disposal made of last year's grants. The lodges referred to are Numbers 33, 39, 81, 96, 99, 113, 115, 153, 162, 170, 222, 224, 230, 255, 262, 295, 314, 331, 377, 386, 401, 423, 425, 430, 432, 437.

It is recommended that investigation be made into the circumstances of the applicants for relief, and in the case of new applicants the cheques will be withheld until the Inspector has made his report.

It is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness to the G. A. O. T. U. for the prosperity with which He has blessed our Grand Lodge and our Province, thus enabling us to afford relief and consolation to our fellow creatures in the hours of their affliction that this report is. Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg to report as follows :

(1) Doric Lodge, No. 316, G. R. C., Toronto) vs. W. Bro. Isaac B. Johnson, P. M., unmasonic conduct and violation of obligation as a Master Mason.

This was a charge preferred by Bro. J. A. Montgomery, J. W., of Doric Lodge, against W. Bro. Isaac G. Johnson, a P. M. of the same lodge, for unmasonic conduct and violation of obligation as a Master Mason in the following circumstances:

On 21st February, 1907, at a regular meeting of the lodge, the application of Mr. W. G. Kyle as a candidate for initiation was sent to a second ballot, and after the ballot box had as usual been placed upon the altar for examination by any brother who desired to do so, was found and declared in the usual manner to be in favor of the candidate. The accused brother is charged with having stated subsequently, both in and out of the lodge, that the ballot was improperly declared to be in favor of the candidate, when in fact it was against him, and that the declaration in his favor was false, and admits having done so. The facts having been brought to the attention of the M. W. the Grand Master, and it appearing that the then W. M. and his Wardens were affected by the charge and therefore incompetent to try the same, the M. W. the Grand Master intervened and withdrew the case from Doric Lodge and appointed a special commission, consisting of R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, E. J. B. Duncan and A. J. Anderson, P. D. D. G. M's, to investigate the same and report the facts to him. They accordingly did so, and on 1st June, 1908, reported that they found W. Bro. Johnson to be "guilty of slandering his brethren, and those brethren the chief officers of his lodge." The M. W. the Grand Master, after examining the record and evidence, on 12th June, 1908, concurred in the finding of the Commission, and suspended W. Bro. Johnson "from all Masonic privileges until the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 15th day of July, 1908, the suspension then to be continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge."

The matter having in due course come before your Committee, all parties interested were notified that the same would be considered on Monday, the 13th day of July, 1908, at three p. m., and your Committee were then attended by the W. M. of Doric Lodge and W. Bro. B. N. Davis, P. M., on behalf of the lodge, but W. Bro. Johnson did not appear either personally or by representative.

We recommend that the suspension of W. Bro. Johnson, if not meantime removed as hereafter provided, be continued until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and then be further continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge; and that in the meantime the M. W. the Grand Master be empowered to remove the suspension and restore W. Bro. Johnson to full Masonic privileges upon the petition of Doric Lodge.

(2) Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, G. R. C., Kenora, and Archibald Campbell—Petition for reinstatement.

On 24th July, 1896, Archibald Campbell, then a member of Pequonga Lodge, was convicted by the Police Magistrate at Rat Portage of theft and sentenced to imprisonment for fifteen months, and duly served his sentence. In the following year, after due trial by his lodge, he was expelled by Grand Lodge from the Craft for said offence. In 1905 Pequonga Lodge petitioned Grand Lodge for his reinstatement, but no satisfactory evidence having been laid before the Committee, the petition was not granted. In 1907 the petition was renewed, but the provisions of the Constitution not having been

complied with, your Committee recommended that the petition be allowed to stand over, without prejudice to being renewed in proper form at a subsequent date, and upon same now coming on again in proper form, your Committee having thought it desirable to inquire as to whether restitution has meantime been made by Mr. Campbell to those who may have sustained loss by his illegal act, and owing to lack of information upon this feature of the case, we have decided to report that upon the M. W. the Grand Master being satisfied by Pequonga Lodge that Mr. Campbell has made what would appear to the M. W. the Grand Master to be satisfactory restitution according to his financial ability, the petition be granted, otherwise that the same be not granted but be left for further action at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

(3) Union Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Napanee, vs. Bro. C. A. Jenkins.

On the 3rd day of July, 1907, Bro. C. A. Jenkins was convicted before William Rankin, Esq., Police Magistrate at Napanee, of "unlawfully and carnally knowing one, a girl under the age of fourteen years, and sentenced to imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston at hard labor for a term of seven years, and is now serving said sentence. He has been duly tried by his lodge for said offence and found guilty, and recommended for expulsion from the Craft. Your Committee recommend that he be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

(4) Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Port Arthur, vs. Bro. Reginald Newman.

On 7th April, 1908, Bro. Newman, having been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of theft, was tried by his lodge and found guilty and recommended for expulsion. Your Committee recommend that he be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DAVID McPHERSON.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

(Note.—On July 31st, 1908, a letter was received by the Grand Secretary from the Secretary of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, stating, with reference to the case of Bro. Reginald Newman, that the sentence of the lodge upon Bro. Newman was "indefinite suspension," and not "recommended for expulsion," as previously reported through an error.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W.

Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry :

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, reports as follows.

The Board has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters, who have represented the Grand Master in the twenty-two districts into which, for purposes of supervision, this grand jurisdiction is divided.

There are now on the roll of this Grand Lodge 396 lodges, of which 387 are duly warranted and nine are under dispensation. At the last annual communication the Craft had a total membership in good standing of 39,795. From year to year your Board has endeavored to record in this report the details of the numerical growth of the Craft, but great difficulty has always been experienced in obtaining the statistics from the lodges in time to enable it to do so. This year, owing to several District Deputy Grand Masters having been unable to send in these statistical tables, it is impossible to do more than approximate the number gained. The statistics available justify the Board in estimating that nearly three thousand initiates have this year entered upon their Masonic career, which is an evidence of the high estimation in which our beloved Order is held in this great Province of Ontario. Were we an institution that canvassed for members, or pressed our claims and advantages upon public attention, it is not too much to say that we could add enormously to our numerical strength each year. But the Craft has always set its face against everything in the nature of canvassing, preferring that only those who seek admission of their own volition should be allowed to enter our ranks, and not then until after close scrutiny of character, position and disposition has shown that such applicants are good men and true, and well calculated to maintain the high standing the Craft now enjoys. Where lodges have endeavored to increase their strength by unwise methods the result has always been the same—"What is easily gained is lightly esteemed"—and in a short time, through want of proper Masonic teaching and through carelessness, the abnormal gain dwindles away and the lodge sustains a loss of prestige which it is hard for it to recover. The Board once more impresses upon Masons the imperative necessity of strict scrutiny into the character and standing of all candidates, and the exclusion from our mysteries of not only the unworthy but as well those about whose fitness intellectually or morally there is the slightest doubt.

The District Deputy Grand Masters during the past year appear to have been most assiduous in the discharge of their duties. Every lodge in the jurisdiction except two was inspected, many of them receiving several visits, and had it not been for the severe illness of one District Deputy every lodge would have received a visit. The representatives of the Grand Master, by advice, admonition and instruction, have done much to improve the general condition of the Craft. The sacrifices entailed in order to make full and close inspections are evidenced by the itinerary of some of these officers.

One speaks of having travelled 5,080 miles, another 2,500, and others considerable distances, all of which called for sacrifice of time, comfort and private interests in order to fulfil to the letter what they had pledged their honor to do.

The work is reported to be correctly and intelligently rendered in nearly every lodge, which speaks volumes for the instruction heretofore given and the education and diligence of the thousands of officers who are serving the Craft. There is still a disposition on the part of D. D. G. M's to dwell on the good work or shortcomings of particular officers. The Board is of opinion that compliment or admonition should be given in the lodge, face to face, and not embodied in reports that are to become public and matters of history.

The character of the material, judging by the reports, has been excellent, and evidently more care is being exercised by all the lodges. Harmony is said to prevail almost universally, the few cases of friction being of a trivial character. The Board notices with great pleasure that some District Deputy Grand Masters have made it their business to inquire as to the existence of friction, and in many instances have reconciled brethren and smothered away all dissension, although not an ordinary duty. This is one of the most blessed acts a D. D. G. M. can perform.

The financial affairs of the lodges are in a satisfactory condition, no defalcations being reported, and prosperity largely obtains, but the Board takes occasion to restate its opinion that each lodge should place its Treasurer and Secretary under bonds, and require that its Auditors shall closely scrutinize all the accounts, securities and bank balances of the lodges.

The secretarial work is reported to be, as a rule, in intelligent hands. The percentage of Past Masters who are permanent Secretaries is increasing. The Secretary is a most important officer, who, in addition to his ordinary duties, should carefully preserve records that make the history of his lodge. He should also be energetic in collecting dues. Your Board thinks that a permanent Secretary is more likely to feel his responsibility in all matters than a Secretary who is a mere bird of passage to a higher office. The Board has noticed with regret that the number of brethren in arrears does not decrease, and that in the aggregate there is an enormous amount of dues uncollected. The Board has repeatedly pointed out the proper course to be pursued, but the evil grows rather than diminishes.

The Board observes with satisfaction that with very few exceptions the lodges carry substantial fire insurance on their properties. This is a safe business precaution, which should be followed by every lodge.

The Board notices that, with very few exceptions, Masters are reported able to work degrees, and the percentage of those incapable is decreasing year by year. Your Board regrets that a greater number of Lodges of Instruction were not held during the year. Lodges of Instruction should be held in each district every year instead of in only a few. It is a fact that when these lodges were held, the

meetings were largely attended, new friendships were formed and old ones cemented by the opportunity of meeting, and the work was spoken of as most valuable, tending to do away with all inaccuracies and differences of detail. The Board once more recommends that each District Deputy hold our Lodge of Instruction during his term of office.

The Board is glad to say that every D. D. G. M. has constantly and forcibly pressed home upon his brethren their bounden duty to contribute to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and it believes that much good will result from their efforts. The Board impresses on the new District Deputy Grand Master the duty of keeping up the good work with, if possible, greater energy. The Craft ought to make the care of the widow and orphan, as well as the indigent brother, one of the reasons for its existence, and act up to that standard. Your Board has the belief that the balance of the \$100,000 must be raised, can be raised, and will be raised, if the matter is kept well before the lodges and the brethren.

The Board recommends that to put an end to any doubt as to what is the proper regalia to be worn, the Grand Master be requested to have the regalia prescribed by the Constitution photographed and copies of the same supplied to all D. D. G. M.'s, lodges and makers of regalia, and that their attention be called to the necessity for obeying the Constitution in all respects in the matter of regalia.

The Board desires to record its sense of the great loss the Craft has sustained in the death of Most Worshipful Brother Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Sutherland, an honorary member of this Grand Lodge. Of Hugh Murray it need only be said—well tried, true and trusty, wise counsellor, and loving friend. We believe him to be with his Father in heaven, whose faithful servant he was. Thus death removes one of the strongest men of this Grand jurisdiction.

The Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the prosperity of the Craft, its added reputation and increased strength which make it powerful for good in this great Province. The Board congratulates the members of Grand Lodge upon the fact that we are meeting in a locality rich in patriotic and Masonic history. Not far from here the first seat of government in this Province was established, near by the first Legislature of the Province passed our first domestic laws. Not far from here the first Provincial Grand Lodge held its Communication. Here great men, Masons true, moved and lived and had their being in the early days and laid the foundation on which we have been able to build so well. Here the sons of Canada gave that example of loyalty and bravery, which still stirs our blood, and has been an inspiration to us ever since to be always ready to go out to the ends of the earth to need be and die for our King and country.

In those early days the eyes of the nations on either side of this beautiful river were turned towards each other in hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness. Now, praise be to God, our eyes are turned towards each other in respect, admiration and love. The rulers of these two peoples are Masons

true, and we are proud to believe that their Masonic training has helped to prepare them for the blessed work they are doing. The President of the United States is a strenuous, fearless patriot, endeavoring to increase the comfort, prosperity, and reputation of his people, and aiming to promote peace and good will among the nations on the American continent. The other ruler, as we believe the greatest ruler, our beloved King, the most democratic of all sovereigns, the beau ideal Mason, the Christian gentleman, is engaged in the same blessed work of promoting peace and harmony in that armed camp composed of the nations of Europe. These two Anglo-Saxon rulers and their people are the very salt of liberty on the earth. Let us in our humble sphere, and at however great a distance, follow the example of these great men by promoting good understanding and loving kindness whenever opportunity offers.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, begs to report as follows :

1. With respect to the notice of motion of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, as to undress regalia, the Board reports that as this notice of motion is similar to one which was defeated within five years, it will require a two-thirds vote of the members present to permit it to come before the Grand Lodge for action.
2. Respecting the application of Beaches Lodge, No. 473, and Acacia Lodge, No. 430, the Board begs leave to report that to grant this application would amount to an amendment of the Constitution, which can only be done on giving the necessary notice of motion.
3. With regard to the application of Lorne Lodge, No. 377, to be transferred from Georgian District to Wellington District, the Board reports that at present they have not suffi-

cient information to warrant them to make any recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on our Fraternal Dead, beg to report :

Each year the sad fraternal duty devolves upon this Board of recording the virtues of departed brethren, and passing along on our journey the mile-stones of life are grave stones on which each year more names are recorded, and although gone from us our brethren are not lost to us ; those whom we loved and who loved us love us still. They have merely passed into the next room, from which there is no return, and many have in the last twelve months answered the call and passed from sight.

Hamilton District, together with every Craftsman in this jurisdiction, mourns M. W. Bro. Murray, Past Grand Master, and at the time of his death Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. Suddenly, on the 28th day of November last, the finger of God touched him and he was not. Born in Scotland in 1843, and residing there until 1860, when he emigrated to Canada, he had the advantage of that solid educational and religious training enjoyed by the Scottish people, fitting him for the performance of any duty, and laying the foundation of probity and honor exemplified in the life of our distinguished brother. On coming to Canada he settled in Hamilton, where he resided until his death, and during life was honored by his fellow citizens by his election to many positions in their gift. He was an earnest Christian, without either fanaticism or doubt, and an active worker in both Church and Sunday School, a lover of boyish sports, ever ready to assist with his advice, and to condemn any departure from honest sport. Always having a sincere love for his native country, he was an enthusiastic lover of the country of his adoption. He was a devoted, loving and tender husband and father. Take him all in all, there are few that will come up to honest, out-spoken and fearless Hugh Murray—Primus inter pares. Brought to light in Masonry in Acacia

Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, in 1868, W. M. in 1871 and 1872, also W. M. of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek ; D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, No. 8, in 1877 ; Deputy Grand Master in 1882 and 1883 ; Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1884 and 1885 ; Grand Treasurer from 1891 to 1903, when he became Grand Secretary on the death of his predecessor, and was annually re-elected. Besides, our brother held many positions of dignity and honor in the other branches of Masonry. The Board recommends that a full page be set apart in our proceedings as a memorial of our deceased brother.

The Craft in this and the neighboring jurisdiction of New York mourns the loss of an enthusiastic and distinguished Mason, M. W. Bro. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the State of New York and an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and a member of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, called from labor to rest on the 12th day of March, 1908. Our deceased brother was an able and eloquent lawyer and a prominent citizen of the city of Rochester in the State of New York. Life's fitful dream being over, he sleeps well.

This Grand Lodge also mourns the death of R. W. Bro. James Bain, an old member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, and one of the oldest members of this Grand Lodge, and a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who died on the 18th of May, 1908. R. W. Bro. Bain was a member of the School Board from 1867 until 1882, and Chairman from 1880 to 1881. He was Master of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1864.

R. W. Bro. Allen McLean, Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, entered into rest during the past year, and the brethren will never more see the smiling face of our old friend and brother.

R. W. Bro. Frederick F. Manley, an old member of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., and Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died on the 13th day of September last. He was for 25 years mathematical master in Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, and Principal of that school from 1901 until December last. He was very active in military matters and served in the Northwest in 1885, being wounded at Batoche. He retired in 1893 with rank of Major.

R. W. Bro. John H. Hetherington died in November last. He was for many years a prominent member of St. George's Lodge, No. 376, and was a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. Bro. Harry A. Collins was suddenly called on the 20th of June last. He was attending to his business affairs within three days of his death. Bro. Collins was an honored member of Doric Lodge, No. 316, and also Georgina Lodge, No. 343, and was District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District in 1892.

R. W. Bro. Richard Dinnis, P. D. D. G. M. of Toronto District, was called from labor to rest on the 14th day of October last. Bro. Dinnis was one of the oldest members of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65.

R. W. Bro. James Stephenson was called from labor to rest since the last meeting of our Grand Lodge.

The Board extends its sincere sympathy to the Sister Grand Lodges who have been called upon to mourn for their distinguished brethren who have been called to rest during the past year. Many of our lodges have been called upon to mourn for useful and dearly loved brethren during the past year, and the Board assures them of their sympathy in their affliction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the following special report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg to present the following report as to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which was opened at Regina on the 9th day of August, 1906.

All the proceedings appear to have been regular, and your Committee have much pleasure in recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Details of the organization will be given in the regular report of your Committee. The sanction and approval of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba was evidenced by the attendance of its principal officers.

Masonry in Western Canada is in a flourishing condition, and we predict for the new Grand Lodge a long and prosperous career.

The Grand Master is H. H. Campkin, of Indian Head, and the Grand Secretary is Dr. J. M. Shaw, of Regina.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the special report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence, relating to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, be received and adopted, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, has great pleasure in recognizing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Saskatchewan, as a duly constituted Grand Lodge, and in wishing her God-speed in the good work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. J. H. BURRITT, K. C., PAST GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada in Ontario.

Your Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to present M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., the then retiring Grand Master, with a suitable testimonial and address, discharged that pleasing duty by presenting M. W. Bro. Burritt with a cabinet of silver and an address, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

The presentation was made at a special meeting of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, M. W. Bro. Burritt's Mother Lodge, and was witnessed by a large concourse of brethren.

The M. W. brother replied in an eloquent and feeling manner.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. R. WHITE.

E. T. MALONE.

JOHN E. HARDING.

THE ADDRESS.

To M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada in Ontario :
M. W. Sir and Bro. :

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge to provide for the presentation to you of a tangible token of Grand Lodge's appreciation of your services as Grand Master during the last two years, has now great pleasure in discharging that duty.

The duty imposed by Grand Lodge has been a peculiarly pleasant one to every member of the Committee, all of whom have known and been closely associated with you during the two years in which as Grand Master you have ruled Grand Lodge with so much benefit to the Craft and so much honor and credit to yourself.

That you have ably, honestly and efficiently discharged many duties pertaining to the office of Grand Master, is admitted by all your brethren throughout the jurisdiction and by none more cheerfully than the members of this Committee.

To have filled such an important position with the dignity, impartiality and ability that have ever marked your ruling of the Craft during the past two years, is indeed something to be proud of. But beyond the respect in which your name will be ever held among the members of Grand Lodge, for

these qualities, you have personally endeared yourself to every member of the Craft by your kindly and genial disposition and the deep personal interest you have always taken in the various matters dealt with by you during your term of office.

It is the sincere hope of the Committee and of your brethren generally, that you may be long spared to assist with your counsel and advice at many future deliberations of Grand Lodge.

With the sincere hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may shower upon you and those nearest and dearest to you all the blessings of this life and the life to come, the Committee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, asks you to accept the accompanying testimonial.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

WM. R. WHITE.

E. T. MALONE.

JOHN E. HARDING.

Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, having given notice of motion dealing with the question of undress regalia (a matter which had been rejected by Grand Lodge within five years), moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, under section 45 of the Constitution, and it was

Resolved, That leave be given to introduce the notice as to undress regalia, of which notice had been so given.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That Section 262 of the Constitution, respecting Masonic clothing, be amended by adding thereto the following clauses :

UNDRESS CLOTHING.

The following undress regalia and insignia may be worn by Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge :

APRONS.

Past Grand Master.—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four-inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of same dimensions, with the square and compasses embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with four-inch wide garter blue ribbon, with the name or number of the district in a circle, surrounding a square, and compasses, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.

Past Grand Senior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the level embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Junior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Chaplain.—Apron of same dimensions, with the Book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.

Past Grand Treasurer.—Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Secretary.—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Registrar.—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Deacon.—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Superintendent of Work.—Apron of same dimensions, with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over tied by a ribbon, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Assistant Grand Secretary.—Same as Grand Secretary, but with the word "Assistant" placed above the crossed pens.

Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies.—Same as Director of Ceremonies, but with the word "Assistant" above and between the two upper ends of the rods.

Past Grand Sword Bearer.—Apron of same dimensions, with two swords in saltire or crossed over, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Organist.—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Pursuivant.—Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide with a flap, bordered with ribbon two inches wide and levels of crimson silk and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon in centre, no embroidery.

Past Grand Standard Bearer.—Apron of similar dimensions, with two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon flowing from the dexter, a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.

COLLARS AND JEWELS.

All collars to be of plain garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, and appended the jewel of the office in an oval wreath of gold.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General purposes for the ensuing year were received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at six o'clock p. m., to meet again at 9.30 a. m. on July 16th.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 16th, 1908.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 o'clock a. m. It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope Chairman of the scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and directed him to select a sufficient number of brethren to act with him and to report the result of the ballot to Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, to which was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master for consideration, beg to report as follows :

The Board wish to express their gratification at the evidence of the continued prosperity of the Craft in our jurisdiction during the past year, as set out in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master. That lodges will multiply, finances increase, with the increase in population of the Province and in reasonable proportion to such Provincial growth, is to be expected, but the gratifying feature of the figures is that Grand Lodge is able to increase her grants for the relief of distress from year to year, though the necessity for such outlay is painful.

Your Board heartily endorse the feeling remarks of the M. W. Grand Master with reference to the sad death of our beloved Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Murray. A loss of such

a life, both to Masonry and the place where such a life has its influence, is severely felt. In the world the place of any man, no matter how great, is soon filled, and perhaps it is well it should be so, but in the smaller world of our Masonic jurisdiction such a loss will be felt for years ; but, after all, M. W. Bro. Murray's death has its good effect upon all of us. While in life his good qualities, though admitted, did not leave the impression upon us as his death has drawn our attention to, and from the contemplation thereof good will accrue to all of us.

Your Board wish to congratulate the Grand Master upon the excellence of his address. It is a business document from first to last, expressed in such phraseology as only an experienced journalist can command.

With respect to the M. W. Grand Master's rulings, your Board wish to refer to No. 4, for the purpose of explaining to the younger Mason who may read it, that the M. W. Grand Master in using words "from another jurisdiction," means a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Without thought, his quoted expression might be taken to mean the jurisdiction of a lodge outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge in which occurs the matter referred to in the case mentioned.

Your Board entirely concur with the M. W. Grand Master in his remarks with respect to using Masonry for private gain, and chain letters, clearly demonstrating that the M. W. Grand Master has a healthy mind and a clear insight into the true principles which should govern the Masonic institution.

The Board trust the M. W. the Grand Master will be spared to continue his work as our chief ruler for another year, and by his good advice again serve to complement our Masonic literature with evidence that the G. L. of Canada does not make many mistakes (indeed none) in its selection of material for the Grand East.

Fraternally submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

The following greeting from the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Ontario, meeting at the City of Hamilton, was received by telegram :

Hamilton, July 15th, 1908.

To R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. :

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Ontario, in annual convention assembled, send fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario, and wish for it a continuance of the prosperity which has been vouchsafed during the past fifty years.

ALEX. COULTER,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seals.

To which the following reply was sent :

Niagara Falls South, July 16th, 1908.

Alex. Coulter, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals,
Knights of Pythias of Ontario :

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, acknowledges with feelings of the warmest reciprocal appreciation the fraternal greetings and kind wishes of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Ontario, and hopes that the good work so ably carried on by that order will, with the blessing of Providence, increase from year to year, and that prosperity and harmony will prevail for all time.

R. L. GUNN,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge was called from labor at one o'clock p. m., to meet again at three o'clock p. m.

CALLED ON.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at three o'clock p. m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

V. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrobe, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes :

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. E. E. Fraser, Niagara Falls, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, Ottawa, Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. D. Rutherford, Owen Sound, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper, Niagara Falls South, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,
Bro. John Robertson, London, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.

R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.

R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, Hamilton.

Subsequently the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakina, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Frederick Harcourt, Toronto.

- R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.
 R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, London.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master:

- R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Moody, Highgate, Erie District No. 1.
 " J. B. Livingston, Point Edward, St. Clair District No. 2.
 " J. W. Metherall, London, London District No. 3.
 " R. E. Cooper, Seaforth, South Huron District No. 4.
 " J. J. Foster, Listowel, North Huron District No. 5.
 " Robert Gant, Paris, Wilson District No. 6.
 " W. F. Randall, Guelph, Wellington District No. 7.
 " E. Finlay, Georgetown, Hamilton District No. 8.
 " E. C. Campbell, Shelburne, Georgian District No. 9.
 " J. DeWolf Randall, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara District No. 10.
 " James Haywood, Toronto, Toronto West Dist. No. 11.
 " J. S. Lovell, Toronto, Toronto East District No. 11a.
 " Jos. White, Whitby, Ontario District No. 12.
 " John Newton, Belleville, Prince Edward Dist. No. 13.
 " A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise, Frontenac District No. 14.
 " W. T. Hands, Richardson, St. Lawrence Dist. No. 15.
 " S. S. Davidson, Ottawa, Ottawa District No. 16.
 " Fred. Symes, Fort William, Algoma District No. 17.
 " A. C. Rorabeck, North Bay, Nipissing District No. 18.
 " J. H. Metcalfe, Emsdale, Muskoka District No. 19.
 " A. H. C. Long, Port Hope, Otonabee District No. 20.
 " Rev. C. O. Carson, Wales, Eastern District No. 21.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year :

- V. W. Bro. Thomas E. Epps, Hamilton, Grand Senior Deacon.
 " Allan Cameron, Owen Sound, Grand Junior Deacon.
 " Wm. H. Hutchinson, Toronto, Grand D. of Ceremonies.
 " J. H. MacIshe, Toronto, Asst. Grand Secretary.
 " Wm. Oldham, Sarnia, Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
 " H. Carl Jones, Vankleek Hill, Grand Sword Bearer.
 " G. R. Mencke, Bridgeburg, Grand Organist.
 " T. M. Cornett, Gananoque, Asst. Grand Organist.
 " Edmund Barber, Toronto, Grand Supt. of Works.
 " J. G. Constable, St. Mary's, Grand Pursuivant.
 " Alfred Miers, Walkerville, Grand Steward.
 " Francis Patterson, Thamesford, Grand Steward.
 " R. B. Harris, Forest, Grand Steward.
 " James McClelland, Grand Valley, Grand Steward.
 " W. H. Easterbrooke, Burlington, Grand Steward.
 " Donald McKay, Beaverton, Grand Steward.
 " Geo. Drewry, Brighton, Grand Steward.

- " Chas. T. Wilkinson, Brockville, Grand Steward.
- " O. G. Copeland, Pembroke, Grand Steward.
- " T. B. Allen, Port Arthur, Grand Steward.
- " D. M. Grant, Huntsville, Grand Steward.
- " J. K. Allen, Newcastle, Grand Steward.
- " Geo. Muller, Springfield, Grand Standard Bearer.
- " A. N. Grasswell, Mattawa, Grand Standard Bearer.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of London was chosen as the meeting place of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Niagara Falls and vicinity for the excellent accommodation provided and the kindly attentions shewn to the members during this annual communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials for their services.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. I. H. Burritt to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the investiture of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters, who were saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, installed and invested the other newly elected Grand officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for their efficient services.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. C. Harper, Grand Chaplain, and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson for his able services in the installation of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.30 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST :



R. H. Gunning
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 3
Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festi

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	Chas. E. Brown.	Sam'l Campbell
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday	Win. H. Giublett	R. Easton Bur
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	A. E. Shaver	Geo. K. Dewey
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Geo. V. Taylor	Geo. H. Bull
7	Union	Grimsb'y	Th. on or b.f.m	Jas. S. Morris	A. E. Phipps
9	aUnion	Napawee	8. on or b.f.m	R. A. Crookery	W. B. Grievs
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m	L. T. Atkinson	J. Porter
11	aMoira	Bellefleur	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. McColl	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons.	Perth	1st Monday	Wm. T. Hands	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's	St. Cathar's	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. B. McCordick	A. N. Lindsay
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	J. W. Rogers	John Pearson
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu. on or b.f.m	John G. Nichols	Robert Buck
18	aPrince Edward	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m	D. J. Barker	R. H. Hubbs
20	aSt. Johns	London	2nd Tuesday	Jas. U. Weidon	M. D. Dawson
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. J. MacInnes	J. D. McLaurin
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	2d Thursday	Norman Elder	John Tanner
23	Richmond	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Legg	H. A. Nicholls
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m	Jno. R. Niccol	G. W. Fluker
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	H. M. Mowat	Jas. M. Spence
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	Regin'd Hayden	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	Fred. T. Smye	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m	H. Bustard	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m	A. H. Foster	B. C. H. Becker
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday	A. F. Lawler	R. S. Cormack
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m	Jno. H. McMurry	J. S. Moorecraft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	Jas. R. Hobb	W. D. Patterson
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	G. L. Parson	Jas. H. Tigert
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. A. Patton	Fred. J. Malon
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	E. S. Baxter	J. W. Shepherd
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	Geo. Naylor	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	J. W. Crews	R. H. Spencer
39	aMount Zion	Brooklyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	James Moore	John J. Moore
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	James Gill	W. J. McAllister
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m	Byron A. Smith	Geo. Rumble
42	aSt. George's	London	1st Thursday	Geo. Bott	A. Ellis
43	aKing Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	L. E. Edwards	A. McGachie
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	Geo. Geddes	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	Wm. Bantham	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	W. W. Turner	Alex. Gregory
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m	Golda's English	Geo. E. White
48	aMa'loc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. M. Wright	A. H. Watson
50	aConsecon	Consecon	8. on or b.f.m	E. M. Johnston	S. A. Moran
52	aDalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	E. J. McCleery	H. W. Jackson
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Keyes	J. B. McLean
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rev. J. Coleman	G. B. Magee
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	A. V. Collins	F. C. Watson
57	aHarmony	Bunbrook	W. on or b.f.m	E. J. Whitworth	D. G. McIlwain
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	W. H. Graham	A. H. Armstrong
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	Burwell Griffin	Wm. Ostler
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	James McGregor	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	W. H. Hooper	A. T. Hudson
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	S. F. Glass	R. W. Glover
65	aRehoboth	Toronto	1st Thursday	Alfred Davis	Geo. H. Mitch
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. Gibson	A. W. McLeod
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	A. J. Hartley	S. M. Douglas
69	aStirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m	W. R. Howson	G. W. Bailey
73	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	O. L. McWilliams	A. J. Oliver
75	aSt. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	T. L. Sinclair	A. Carman
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. nearest f.m	E. A. McKim	H. H. Throop
75	St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	Jas. Knowles	H. G. Langley
76	aOxford	Woodstock	2d Monday	J. G. Archibald	Robt. Anderson
77	aFaithful Brethren	Lindsay	1st Friday	A. L. Campbell	R. G. Cornell
78	aKing Hiram	Tilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. Baird	A. E. Raynes
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday	E. A. Collings	Frank Kilkenny
81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b.f.m	Fred. W. Toles	Thomas C. W.
82	St. John's	Paris	2nd Tuesday	J. S. Armitage	P. Buckley

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1903, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1908, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initial										S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M' m' b's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
	Initial	Passed.	Rebapt.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.								Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal
2	5	4	5	1	1	1	3							2	76	Jun1908	\$ 67 00		
3	7	11	12	2	6	3	1							1	179	"	144 50		\$10 00
5	8	8	8	3	6	1								1	241	"	146 00		
6	16	19	16	9	1	3								1	391	"	286 00		
7	7	7	7				4							1	100	"	62 00		1 00
9	9	5	3	7	2	2	1								131	"	117 25		
10	12	7	7		2	4								2	135	"	96 75		
11	18	19	18	4	4	1	2							2	237	"	178 50	\$ 3 00	
14	2		2				7								103	Dec. '07	57 75		
15	7	6	5		1	4	4							1	105	Jun1908	56 50		
16	10	14	8	7	1	4	2								349	Dec. '07	944 50		
17	6	7	9	2	2	1								1	112	Jun1908	103 50	3 25	
18	5	4	4	1	3	5	1								242	"	149 00		
20	34	27	25	2	2	7									218	"	175 25		
21a	7	7	7	1	1	1									73	"	54 50		
22	22	18	16	3	2	6									275	"	196 00		
23	2	2	2		1	1	1								46	"	31 75		2 00
24	9	8	4	2	3	3								2	115	"	112 25		6 00
25	3	2	1	2	2	1									267	"	90 00	3 00	
26	5	7	8		6	2								1	30	"	97 25		
27	9	11	14	2	6	4									387	Jun1908	253 25	25	
28	10	9	9	3	3	4									57	"	48 25		
29	6	5	2	1	8	1									121	"	102 25		
30	4	4	5												76	"	54 00		
31	6	3	3	2	2	1	3							3	95	"	68 00	1 75	
32	8	7	6		2	2									111	"	70 00		
33	7	8	9		2	3	3							1	132	"	81 25		
34	13	13	13		3	2								2	94	"	70 25	6 00	
35	6	5	5			4									67	"	123 50		
37	10	6	10		3	3	1							3	135	"	109 00	1 25	
38	5	4	5		3	2								2	114	"	77 00		
39															36	Jun1907	17 50	1 50	
40	20	21	25	3	4	5	7							5	441	Jun1908	291 75		
41	7	9	11	15	1	2								1	94	"	115 00	1 25	
42	14	12	9		1	1	3								140	Dec. '07	124 50		
43	14	12	16	1	1	1	6								162	Jun1908	146 75		3 00
44	33	35	35	6	4	5	5							1	259	"	212 50		
45	16	14	18	2	2	3	6							2	212	"	168 25	25	
46	17	12	17	8	2	3	3							1	195	Dec. '07	157 75		
47	27	31	19	2	5	3								6	327	Jun1908	281 25		10 25
48	5	6	6	2	4	3								2	129	"	75 20	27 00	
50	1	1		2	3	2	4								56	"	48 75		
52	23	25	22	2	2	3								1	213	"	216 00		
54	4	4	5		1	1									43	"	29 50	25	
55	14	6	5	1		2	6							1	191	"	93 00		18 00
56	12	10	13	3	1	2									213	Dec. '07	151 50		
57	4	4	2			2								2	39	Jun1908	23 75		
58	9	11	18	2	3		5							2	172	"	156 50		
61	13	14	14	10		7	2							1	382	"	252 35		10 75
62	6	4	4		5	1								2	53	"	57 00		
63	7	8	6		6	2									158	"	96 75		
64	13	9	7	1		3	3							1	210	"	138 50		
65	44	40	36	12	1	6	2								370	"	316 00	3 00	
66	8	6	5	2	1	1									37	"	21 50		
68	6	4	2											1	95	"	78 25		
69	2	1	1	2		3									64	"	37 00		
73	5	7	8		1	1	5								134	"	89 50		
74	7	6	7		2		2							1	76	Dec. '07	85 00		
75	17	18	12	3	2	3									70	Jun1908	43 00	2 00	
76	20	22	18	2	3	3								1	296	"	243 25		
77	13	14	14	5	1	3	2								194	"	133 00		
78	6	10	13	1	5	5									163	"	143 25		50
79	4	8	7		4									2	78	Dec. '07	128 50	7 60	
81	10	7	6	2		1									97	Jun1908	55 75	50	
82	8	4	2	1	3	3									65	"	118 75		
																	42 00	1 50	

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1911

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Stratroy	F. a.f.m.....	J. H. Argue.....	R. T. Richard
84	aClinton.....	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m	Geo. McLennan	H. B. C. ant
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens	Th. on or b.f.m	Morley Earl	L. C. Alguire
86	aWilson.....	Toronto	3rd Tuesday..	Carl Lehman...	Thos. Pardo
87	Markham Union...	Markham	F. on or b.f.m	H. J. Davison	G. L. Ziegler
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound	W. on or b.f.m	John A. Armour	Jno. M. Camp
90	aManito.....	Collingwood	W. on or a.f.m	Robt Gilpin	C. B. Adair
91	aColborne.....	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m	W. W. Southon	Geo. Keyes
92	aCatarqui.....	Kingston	2d Wednesday	W. S. R. Murch	Robt. Hendry
93	aNorthern Light...	Kincardine	1st Wednesday	J. B. Watson	M. J. McPhar
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday...	W. R. Woolliatt	Walter M. tch
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie	1st Thursday	B. G. Manuel	A. J. Wilkes
97	aSharon.....	Quensville	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. C. McFarland	A. T. Power
98	True Blue.....	Bolton	F. on or a.f.m	James Wilson	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket	2d Wednesday	P. Morgan	A. S. William
100	Valley.....	Dundas	2nd Monday	J. H. Cliff	F. A. Lathav
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro	3rd Friday	T. F. Matthews	M. Comstock
103	aMaple Leaf.....	a Catharines	Last Thursday	H. G. Vary	H. J. Johnston
104	St. John's.....	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m	H. W. Eggman	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. J. Diemus	K. Sloggett
106	aBurford.....	Burford	W. on or b.f.m	Samuel Wallace	Geo. Armstrong
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m	L. C. Brooks	G. F. Thornter
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m	Thos. Conway	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. A. Kerr	J. S. McKim
110	aCentral.....	Prescott	1st Tuesday...	John Tyner	John F. Grab
113	aWilson.....	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m	Roy M. Beamer	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope.....	Port Hope	1st Friday...	James Leach	Thos. H. Bell
115	Elvy.....	Beamsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. D. Fairbrother	W. C. Bentley
116	aCassia.....	Thedford	M. on or b.f.m	F. A. Jennings	H. S. Clarke
118	Union.....	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m	M. K. Dillane	S. Leatherian
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath	M. before f. m	E. P. Shephard	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. T. Hart	L. J. Elie
121	aDoric.....	Brantford	3rd Friday...	Ross A. Rastal	J. C. Spence
122	aBentrew.....	Bentrew	1st Monday...	John Conley	M. McKinnon
123	aThe Belleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	A. P. Allen	David Barrag
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall	1st Wednesday	R. E. Snettinger	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule.....	Cam'bellford	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. C. Bonnycastle	H. F. Shey
127	aFrank.....	Frankford	M. before f. m	David Teal	W. A. R. Miln
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke	1st Thursday	O. G. Copeland	S. M. Snedden
129	The Rising Sun...	Aurora	1st Friday...	R. Braund	F. Baldwin
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Geo. W. Martin	E. J. Mitchell
133	aLebanon Forest...	Exeter	M. on or b. f. m	W. W. Taman	C. H. Sanders
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton	Th. on or b.f.m	W. I. Dick	John Irving
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville	Th. on or b.f.m	W. A. Sangster	J. W. Shanks
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford	F. nearest f.m	Jo. Jordan	F. A. Clarke
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday..	T. H. McMurtry	A. R. McLean
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Richardson	J. R. Woods
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Dunbar	J. W. Morrow
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. M. Gorrell	A. W. Massey
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes' b.f.m	Fred. Everetts	A. B. Carman
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford	3rd Friday...	R. J. Stevenson	Chris. McLeh
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Burnham	David Hampt
146	aPrince of Wales...	Newburgh	Wednes' b.f.m	Ernest Gandler	G. A. Aylesw
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte	1st Friday...	G. Lawton	M. H. Steele
148	aCivil Service...	Ottawa	2d Tuesday...	Thos. Shanks	Thos. Lawson
149	aErie.....	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m	R. J. Miller	J. R. Davis
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin	2d Tuesday...	Chas. A. Boehm	D. H. Houston
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming	Th. on or b.f.m	W. L. Travis	R. Coghlan
154	aIrving.....	Lucan	Th. on or b.f.m	T. G. Thompson	D. B. McVea
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'	1st Friday...	E. E. Lord	W. H. Walker
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto	3rd Friday...	F. W. Goulding	Hy. G. Cooper
157	Simpson.....	Newboro	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. H. Preston	Jo. H. Butler
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs	Thursd' a.f.m	E. A. Kortright	W. S. Dugan
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond	1st Tuesday...	H. L. Langdon	Rev. C. Sadding
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth	Wednes' b.f.m	J. H. Stone	W. A. Loeie
163	Forest.....	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m	John R. Wendt	John Booth

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AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Paid Grand Lodge	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal
83	11	10	11	1	3	2					114	Dec. '07	\$179 00		
84	5	6	6	3	2						89	Jun1908	106 75		
85	2	2									67	Dec. '07	57 50		\$ 2 00
86	21	25	24	4	2	2	2			4	298	Jun1908	303 55	\$ 4 00	
87		3	5	1	2	1	1				74	"	83 25		
88	13	13	14		1	1					151	"	96 75	1 00	
90	15	19	14	1		1	4				188	"	150 25	7 25	
91	5	5	2	2	3	2				2	106		70 25		
92	15	15	14	4	2	2					181	Dec. '07	150 50		50
93	5	4	2	2	2	2					99	Jun1908	54 75		
94	5	6	4		2	2					70	"	66 50		
96	17	10	11	1	3	1	2				191	"	119 50		3 00
97	3	3	3		1	3					71	"	47 50	1 25	
98											53	Dec. '06	43 00		6 00
99		2	4		1	1				1	78	Dec. '07	67 00	4 50	
100	8	9	7	1	1	1	5				131	Jun1908	85 25		
101	11	9	7	5	1	3					142	"	88 75	1 00	
103	13	14	14	4	1	2				1	178	"	137 50		
104	10	10	5	1	2	1				2	96	"	64 75		
105	15	9	5	1		3				1	134	"	88 25		
106	4	4	7		1	2	1			1	80	"	59 00		5 00
107	4	4	4			2					69	"	61 25	1 50	
108	5	4	3		2	1	1			1	35	"	34 25		
109	5	5	4	1	4		4				68	"	43 50		
110	9	9	7	2	2	3					111	"	112 25	3 00	
113	1	3	2		1	1				1	130	Dec. '07	77 00		
114	23	22	22	1						1	141	Jun1908	122 75	3 00	
115	8	8	9		1	1				1	112	"	79 75		
116	4	3	9			2					41	"	55 25	1 50	
118	4	2	1		1						43	"	43 30		
119	1	1	1		2	2	1				59	"	39 25		
120				1			1				56	"	74 50		
121	26	23	24	3	3	3				3	338	"	298 50	6 00	
122	2	4	4		3	3	1				112	"	71 25		
123	13	9	13	3	1	5	8				202	"	146 75		
125	5	3	9	1	1					1	129	"	92 25		
126	2	2	2			1					58	Dec. '07	53 75		
127	8	8	10		2	2	2			1	100	Jun1908	88 25		6 00
128	7	7	9	2	2	1	2				152	"	108 25		
129	7	5	4	1	3						94	"	75 00	64 75	
131	3	2	2	1		2					76	"	43 25		
133	3	2	2		1	1					90	"	48 50		
135	5	3	3		1	3				1	97	Dec. '07	66 50		
136	3	4	4	2	1		1				62	Jun1908	47 50		
137	11	9	9	5	3	6	1			1	117	"	77 50		
139	4	3	3	1							87	Dec. '07	57 00	3 00	
140	1	2	2		5	4					105	Jun1908	93 00		
141	2	2	2		4	1	2				50	Dec. '07	43 00	1 50	
142	6	6	4	3	1					1	71	Jun1908	81 50		
143	5	6	3	2	1					1	107	Dec. '07	145 00	7 00	
144	19	21	23	7		1					185	Jun1908	178 75		
145	5	3	3		2	1				1	58	"	56 25		
146	2				1	1		1			48	Dec. '07	38 75		
147	5	4	3	2	2	2				1	88	Jun1908	58 50		
148	16	17	12	3	4	2					149	Dec. '07	131 00		
149	5	3	3	1		2				1	63	Jun1908	54 00		
151	11	16	17	6	1	3					189	"	134 00	50	
153	6	5	3		1	2					99	"	74 50	24 75	
154	8	8	7	2	9	1	1			1	73	"	109 00		6 00
155	15	14	15	1	3						217	"	133 00		
156	32	29	29	5	7	3	6			7	165	"	121 75		
157	1	2	3		1	1					68	"	37 75	2 00	
158	7	7	7		4					2	64	"	58 00		3 00
159	6	10	7		3					1	79	"	74 75		
161	4	4	4			3	4				81	Dec. '07	53 00		
162	4	6	4							1	47	Jun1908	47 25		

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East.	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. H. Post.....	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	F. W. Taylor.....	H. A. Graham
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	John B. Davis.....	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. McNiece.....	John Coulson
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. B. Smith.....	J. A. Tack
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday.....	D. J. McCallum.....	L. O. Jackson
171	aPrince of Wales.	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m	Robt. Turner.....	E. Bodkin
173	aAyr	Ayr	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. W. Henderson	J. P. Wyllie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan...	Th.on or b.f.m	John F. Brock.....	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday.....	J. N. Ferguson.....	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattville	Plattville	F. on or b.f.m	John Bristow.....	W. B. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday.....	Jno. H. Stevenson	W. G. Stephenson
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. Hollywood.....	Gordon Emery
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th.on or b.f.m	R. R. McLeod.....	A. B. McLeod
185	aEnnisville	York	M. on or b.f.m	C. J. Martindale.	F. W. Brown
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	John Sargison.....	John Smith
190	aBelmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Meikle.....	James McMillan
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	Gordon Grant.....	J. A. Fowle
193	aSootland	Sootland	M. on or b.f.m	Claude Mitchell.	E. H. Corbin
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	2d Wednesday	Wm. J. Barrett.....	Mathew Smith
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday.....	H. B. Abbott.....	E. Mainwaring
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday.....	W. F. Maekay.....	Henry Newman
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday.....	A. P. Johnston.....	W. B. Stephenson
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	John Hogarth.....	T. E. Spiers
201	aLeeds	Gananoque...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Chas. A. Watt.....	R. G. Graham
203	Irvine	Eliora	3rd Friday.....	J. R. McGregor.....	Thos. Godfrey
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	W. J. Sutherland	B. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. J. Gunn.....	W. N. McGillivray
209a	aSt. John's	London	1st Friday.....	John H. Wilson.....	J. H. Keenleyside
209	aEvergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday.....	W. J. Rothwell.....	Alex. Buffam
212	aAllyrian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday.....	Bollie Mullin.....	Thos. Lappan
213	aLake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	H. G. Bleeker.....	Jas. E. Glenn
216	aHarris	Orangeville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Robt. Meek.....	D. McPherson
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Jeffries.....	L. E. Wedd
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday.....	John Watson.....	Geo. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown...	F. on or b.f.m	F. W. Betts.....	N. A. McCallum
220	aZeredatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. S. Ormiston	Geo. E. Gillies
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Laughlin	D. J. C. Munro
223	aMarmora	Marmora	Monday a.f.m	W. A. Sanderson	C. A. Bleeker
223	aNorwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m	B. W. Squire.....	Rev. E. A. Pickford
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. B. McArthur	Jas. Bonthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	John Kelly.....	J. J. Foster
226	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	S. H. Amey.....	Robert Bennett
229	aIonia	Brampton	3rd Tuesday.....	O. M. French.....	Q. H. McFadden
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Friday.....	F. T. Grafton.....	J. F. Smith
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday.....	A. B. McIlroy.....	John F. Stewart
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Roberts.....	F. E. Price
233	aDoric	Park Hill	T. on or b.f.m	F. G. Newton.....	Jas. H. Mahon
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Alex. Smith.....	J. H. Dickinson
235	aAldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	E. B. Grant.....	J. P. Fisher
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or a.f.m	W. Griffith.....	H. I. Ross
237	aVienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	Robt. McLean.....	S. S. Clutton
238	aHavelock	Watford	Tues. b. f. m.	Arthur Hobbs.....	David Watt
239	aTweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. Johnston...	James Murray
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	C. W. Root.....	L. F. Blanchard
243	aSt George	St. George	M. on or b.f.m	F. S. Braithwaite	R. M. Chalcraft
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Edgar Shennan...	Robert Pys
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday.....	John A. Shaw.....	Geo. Barron
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b.f.m	A. C. Adams.....	Wm. McTavish
250	aThistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	G. A. Munro.....	G. M. Craighton
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday.....	L. C. Lockett.....	T. D. Minner
254	aClifton	Niag. Falls..	1st Thursday.....	F. W. Swannell.....	Alex. Gray
255	aSydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday.....	Rev. R. J. Langt rd	John Watson
256	aFarran's Point.	Aultsville.....	W. on or b.f.m	O. C. Pitts.....	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday.....	Jas. A. Cowan.....	Jas. A. Carrick
259	aGuelph	Guelph	2nd Tuesday.....	Chas. A. Walker.....	R. T. Powell

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Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Ret'd.	Total Mmbs	Last Returns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
64	6	8	7	2	2	1					122	Jun 1908	\$ 69 75	\$60 50	
65	9	10	10			1					109	"	81 00	3 00	
66	4	5	5	1	3	4					137	"	65 25	2 50	
68	7	5	5	2	3	2					101	"	74 50		
169	4	4	4	2	1	1					72	"	38 50		\$ 0 50
170	4	5	7								98	"	69 00	1 00	
171	1	1			2				1		38	"	96 50		50
173	3	3			2	1			1		46	"	33 00		1 50
174	1										63	"	32 00		2 00
177	6	10	7	2	1	1				1	903	"	187 00		
178	1	2	2	1	1	1					43	"	33 50		
180	3	3	3	1		2		2			69	"	41 25		
181	1	1	1	2	3						35	"	24 00	1 25	
184	7	7	4					3			102	"	69 00		
185	3	3	3			1		1		2	27	"	32 50		
186	2	3	3	2							49	"	34 25		
190	2	7	6	1				2			62	"	50 00		1 00
192	8	11	13	2	1			1			173	Dec. '07	177 59		5 75
193	10	8	6							1	91	Jun 1908	75 75		
194	2	2	1	2				1			85	"	48 00		
195	3	1	1	1		2					90	"	64 50	8 00	
196	4	4	3	1		1					106	"	68 75	2 00	
197	5	4	3		6						76	"	56 25		12 00
200	6	6	6	1	2	1	2			1	62	"	52 50	1 50	
201	10	5	5	2	3	5	3				151	Dec. '07	111 50		
203	6	4	4	1	1	3					71	Jun 1907	57 00		
205	2	2	2								40	"	28 00		
207											73	"	29 25		
209a	9	10	15	4	1	2	3			2	303	Jun 1908	240 50	50	
209	3	3	3			1					47	Dec. '07	33 50		
212	3	4	2								24	Jun 1907	21 25		
215	7	5	2		2	2	2				70	Jun 1908	57 00		9 00
216	9	6	6		4		4				160	"	97 50	5 00	
217						2					61	"	44 50	16 25	
218	53	62	49	10	3	2	12			3	238	"	259 50	1 00	
219	6	5	3	1	4		4				87	"	51 00	2 00	
220	13	9	5	3		1					90	"	94 25		7 00
221	8	11	15	4	1	1				1	130	"	100 25	2 00	
222	7	5	4	2	1						75	"	44 75	3 00	
223	8	8	11	1	2						94	"	71 00		
224	2	5	4			1	2				82	Dec. '07	47 00		12 00
225	7	5	2	2	5		2			1	91	Jun 1908	63 00		
226	1	1	1	1		1					45	"	33 00	25	
229	2	7	7							1	90	"	68 50		
230	2	2	2	1			4	2			103	"	60 00		
231	21	22	19	6	4	3	2				189	"	136 50		
232	2	2	2	3	3					1	68	"	40 50		50
233	2	2	3	3						1	63	"	51 75		
234	4	2	2	1	1						76	Dec. '07	29 80		
235	4	2	1				1				67	Jun 1908	61 25		
236	11	13	7		2						67	"	49 75	4 50	
237	4	6	6		2	1					56	"	44 00		
238	11	10	10	1	1					1	80	"	46 50		
239	14	11	10	1	4						110	"	184 75		19 50
242	3	4	6		2	1	1				87	"	71 75		
243	4	2	3	1							80	"	46 25	3 75	
245	2	1	3			2	1				61	"	43 00		
247	23	23	22	6	5	6	3				323	"	198 00		
249	13	8	6	1	1	1	3				149	Dec. '07	108 75		
250	5	5	5			1					25	Jun 1908	17 50		
253	6	8	7	4	1	2	2			3	108	"	117 75		
254	17	15	14		4	1				5	160	"	109 38		
255	4	4	3			1					78	"	53 50		
256	10	10	10			1					77	"	80 25		
257	10	7	6		1						1	"	107 75		
258	14	9	9		3		1			1	109	"	96 00	1 25	

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	M. on or b.f.m.	F. E. Marten	M. M. Black
260	aWashington.....	Petrolia.....	1st Wednesday	F. W. Mulligan.....	B. Dunlop.....
261	aOak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. M. Whiteside.....	R. Q. Irving.....
262	aHarriston.....	Harriston.....	2d Monday.....	N. T. Morrell.....	Rv. C. Scudamore
263	aForest.....	Forest.....	W. on or b.f.m.	G. A. Walters.....	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	4th Tuesday.....	Thos. Saunders.....	W. E. Hayes.....
265	aPatterson.....	Thornhill.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Riddell.....	J. E. Francis.....
266	aNorthern Light.....	Stayner.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. E. Doner.....	J. W. Bethune.....
267	aParthenon.....	Chatham.....	1st Wednesday	J. W. Draper.....	J. W. Plewes.....
268	aVerulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	F. on or b.f.m.	Thos. H. Nicholls.....	J. W. J. Beasly
269	aBrougham Union.....	Brougham.....	W. on or a.f.m.	Thos. Patterson.....	R. E. Forsyth.....
270	aCedar.....	Oshawa.....	4th Tuesday.....	F. E. Hare.....	L. K. Murton.....
271	aWellington.....	Erin.....	W. on or b.f.m.	G. L. Scott.....	Dugald Campbell
272	aSeymour.....	Ancaster.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jo. G. Dunn.....	James Stevens
273	aKent.....	Blenheim.....	2d Monday.....	C. L. VonGutten.....	John Cocker.....
274	aTeeswater.....	Teeswater.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. E. Campbell.....	John Farquhar
275	aSeymour.....	F. Dalhousie.....	W. on or b.f.m.	Frank Scott.....	John Green.....
276	aNew Hope.....	Hespeler.....	W. on or b.f.m.	C. K. Henderson.....	John Jardine.....
277	aLorae.....	Glencoe.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	G. A. Parrott.....	W. K. Fowles.....
278	aEureka.....	Belleville.....	W. a. f. m.	C. H. Sulman.....	W. J. Diamond.....
279	aSt. John's.....	Brussels.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. C. Richards.....	John Wright.....
280	aSeven Star.....	Alliston.....	W. on or a.f.m.	C. E. Norton.....	W. B. Clifton.....
281	aWingham.....	Wingham.....	1st Tuesday.....	A. M. Crawford.....	J. A. Morton.....
282	aShuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	1st Tuesday.....	Geo. H. Hapeey.....	John Ford.....
283	aDoric.....	Lobo.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Oliver.....	P. L. Graham.....
284	aLeamington.....	Leamington.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. E. Quick.....	Fred. S. Moss.....
285	aDufferin.....	W. Flamboro.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. P. Fleming.....	Alfred Jones.....
286	aRobertson.....	King.....	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Quinlan.....	A. Carley.....
287	aMoore.....	Courtright.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. A. Johnston.....	R. G. Stewart.....
288	aConestogo.....	Drayton.....	1st Tues. a.m.	Jas. E. Carpenter.....	R. A. Fowles.....
289	aTemple.....	St. Catharins.....	Last Wednesday	Currie Brown.....	K. G. Beaton.....
290	aPreston.....	Preston.....	F. on or b.f.m.	Chas. H. Belt.....	H. L. Clares.....
291	aVictoria.....	Centreville.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Frank C. Gerow.....	Robert Cox.....
292	aMount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. M. Logan.....	M. N. Wright.....
293	aSt. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	3rd Thursday.....	J. M. McCutcheon.....	Fred. S. Lew.....
294	aBlyth.....	Blyth.....	Tu. on or a.f.m.	Robt. Vint.....	J. M. Hamilton.....
295	aMinerva.....	Stroud.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John S. Leonard.....	James Black.....
296	aHumber.....	Weston.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. J. McFarlane.....	H. J. Alexander.....
297	aDurham.....	Durham.....	2d Tuesday.....	Arthur Gun.....	James B. Gun.....
298	aArkona.....	Arkona.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Fred. Patterson.....	Fred. Nelson.....
299	aMorning Star.....	Carlow.....	W. on or b.f.m.	Harry Long.....	John Varcoe.....
300	aBlackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	F. on or b.f.m.	Wm. R. Brown.....	D. Norton.....
301	aPnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	M. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Turner.....	E. E. Parker.....
302	aClementi.....	Lakefield.....	1st Tuesday.....	A. W. Mackenzie.....	E. B. Tate.....
303	aBlair.....	Palmerston.....	F. after f. m.	P. J. Faskin.....	H. McEwing.....
304	aClifford.....	Clifford.....	3rd Monday.....	J. L. Taylor.....	M. B. Mathew.....
305	aDoric.....	Toronto.....	3d Thursday.....	W. F. Bilger.....	J. B. Sutherland.....
306	aWilmet.....	Baden.....	F. on or a.f.m.	W. C. Armstrong.....	J. A. Butler.....
307	aHiram.....	Hagersville.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Addy.....	Thos. E. Ellis.....
308	aChesterville.....	Chesterville.....	M. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Wholeman.....	A. S. Morris.....
309	aWalker.....	Acton West.....	M. on or b.f.m.	C. R. McIntosh.....	W. Stark.....
310	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound.....	W. a. f. m.	J. B. Thompson.....	J. F. McCallum.....
311	aAlvinston.....	Alvinston.....	W. on or b.f.m.	James Croft.....	W. E. German.....
312	aTemple.....	Hamilton.....	2d Tuesday.....	Wm. E. Goring.....	Thos. Pedler.....
313	aOrono.....	Orono.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. W. Jackson.....	R. Z. Hall.....
314	aZetland.....	Toronto.....	4th Friday.....	W. C. Hall.....	J. H. Macabe.....
315	aThe Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John McRae.....	H. A. Wilson.....
316	aIonic.....	Napier.....	F. on or b.f.m.	A. F. Rogers.....	Henry Lowe.....
317	aKing Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	F. on or b.f.m.	Robt. E. Miller.....	James Noble.....
318	aCorinthian.....	London East.....	1st Tuesday.....	J. L. Flannigan.....	H. C. Simps.....
319	aFordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	Victor Fo-ter.....	A. C. Hutchin.....
320	aStratford.....	Stratford.....	2nd Monday.....	C. Farquharson.....	F. J. Scarr.....
321	aPrince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	F. on or b.f.m.	T. A. Blakely.....	Herbert Smith.....
322	aPrince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Rafter.....	Peter Gregg.....
323	aHighgate.....	Highgate.....	F. on or b.f.m.	C. L. McLaren.....	Jas. Caswell.....
324	aMyrtle.....	Pt. Robinson.....	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. D. Marshall.....	Wm. Grisdale.....

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														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
269	7	5	5	1	1	1				1	49	Jun1906	\$ 35 00		
260	5	6	7	3	4	1				1	111	"	58 50		
261	1	1	1	1	1	1	2				30	"	17 50	\$ 1 50	
262	4	6	1	1	3	2					85	"	44 50	3 00	
263	7	6	6	2	2	2	4			1	75	"	52 50		\$ 5 00
264	29	22	13	2	2	2	4				187	"	173 50		2 00
265	7	6	3	1	4	4					54	"	27 50	10 50	
266	2	3	5	1	4	4					34	"	22 50	9 25	
267	18	15	15	5	1	4	5				144	Dec. '07	140 75		
268	9	2	3	1	1	1					50	"	48 75		5 00
269											57	Jun1908		34 75	
270	3	3	1	3	3	1	3			1	86	Jun1908	92 00		1 60
271	4	3	3	3	3	1					69	"	68 00	3 00	
272	3	5	6		2	2					108	Dec. '07	66 00	1 50	
273	9	6	10	2			4				90	Jun1907	77 00		
274	3	3				1				1	35	Jun1908	34 50		
275	1	1	2		1						51	"	32 00		
276	13	13	10	2	2						77	Dec. '07	105 50		
277	28	8	5	2	2	2					66	Jun1908	33 50	3 00	
278	8	9	6	1	4	4	4			2	81	"	78 25		
279	5	7	7	1	1	2				1	71	"	42 25		
280	2	3	2	3	2					2	83	"	47 05		
281	3	2	5	1	3						86	"	71 50		
282	18	22	17	2	4	7	5				190	"	89 25	7 00	
283	3	3	3		1	1					43	"	30 00		
284	10	12	8	2			4				126	"	101 50	5 00	
285	7	8	8		1						92	"	88 50	1 00	
286	4	2	2		1						46	"	41 00		
287	4	4	4	1	1						47	"	31 00		25
288	1	1	1	1							59	Dec. '07	42 25	15 25	
289	10	11	7	2	1	2	2				77	Jun1908	73 50		
290	3	2	6	2	2	1					60	"	54 25	3 50	
291	9	8	9				3				38	"	81 00	2 65	
292	1	1	3	3	2	2					46	"	34 50		1 00
293	14	15	13	2	1	7	1			2	218	"	144 00	85 75	
294	5	6	8		1	3					55	"	60 50		
295	5	5	5		1	1					78	"	59 50		50
296				3		1				1	66	"	22 00		
297	10	8	9	3	1	1					66	"	56 00		
298		2	1	2		3					38	"	27 50		
299	3	2	2	1	2						56	Dec. '07	74 75		25
300											49	Jun1908		8 00	
301	11	8	5	1	1	1				2	104	Jun1908	71 50		1 50
302	2	1	3	1	3						73	"	50 00	3 00	
303	9	6	4	1	3						80	"	75 50	1 10	
304	5	3	6								51	"	42 75		
305	15	15	15	2	14	3	15	2			374	Dec. '07	267 00		
306	2	2	1	1	1	4					25	Jun1908	50 00		
307	10	10	12	2	1	1					73	"	61 00		
308	1	2	4	1	2	11				2	66	"	57 25		4 00
309	5	4	4	3	1	1					56	"	47 25	2 25	
310	12	12	13	5	1	4				2	179	"	120 25		
311	4	3	2	1	2	1	5			1	70	"	75 90		2 25
312	17	10	10	3	5	5	5			2	343	"	208 75	3 00	
313	6	4	2	1							38	"	18 75		
314	21	25	26	3	3	7	4			2	501	"	299 90		
315	2	2	1		1	1	3				31	"	30 00	37 50	
316	1	1	1		1						30	"	14 00		3 50
317	1	4	4		2					1	66	"	56 75		6 25
318	17	10	15	1	1	1					157	"	100 50		5 00
319	3	4	4		1						46	"	36 75		2 50
320	6	7	7	1	9	2	6				169	"	66 00		
321	6	3	1	6	1	3	1				57	"	39 00	2 00	
322	6	7	1	6	1	3	1				57	"	55 00		
323	3	4	4		1					2	61	"	41 00		
324	3	4	4		2		5				46	"	51 75		

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. J. Gray	James R. G.
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	H. B. Lloyd	F. H. Anderson
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. R. Bell	J. M. Brown
343	Georgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	Chas. G. Smith	Geo. Thompson
344	Merrill	Dorch'st r's n	Th.on or b.f.m	Frank Boyes	W. J. Cannon
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. E. Gracey	A. O. Barrow
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday	C. W. James	C. G. Wright
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	Wm. A. Hoas	T. N. Wansbrough
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday	Rev. F. Gilmour	W. H. Hewson
352	aGranite	Ferry Sound	3d Wednesday	W. E. Foot	E. M. Lockie
354	Brock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	W. V. Pipher	Jos. A. Kift
356	River Park	Streetsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	T. L. Kennedy	A. W. Cameron
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Tu.on or b.f.m	John F. Vance	John I. Platt
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	T. H. Kennedy	Wm. Hawker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	A. H. Smith	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday	Wm. Fraser	Richard Mill
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday	R. S. Cull	J. B. Broadfoot
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	R. H. Diehl	L. G. Briggs
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Isaac Stevenson	Jas. A. McKee
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	Wm. Connors	R. C. Galahad
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday	T. W. Cumbers	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. S. Brown	Wm. Black
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	R. Hanna	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	M. Rosenthal	John B. Wright
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu.on or a.f.m	J. W. R. Kee	J. G. Watts
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday	David Jones	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	R. J. McCamus	A. D. Anderson
375	aLorne	Omamee	1st Monday	R. J. Weir	W. J. Thorne
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2d Wednesday	John McLeod	D. M. Grant
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	Henry White	J. A. Mills
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	A. M. Trick	Wm. Nichol
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	Oscar Roberts	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday	James Dean	Jos. Ward
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	Jas. W. Harvey	C. V. Emory
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	F. on or b.f.m	W. J. Laflamme	G. H. Challis
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	P. W. Rogers	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	L. D. Cherry	Geo. N. Giddy
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. A. Becker	A. Petherick
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th.on or b.f.m	Geo. Stevens	D. A. Haig
388	Henderson	Iderton	M. on or b.f.m	D. G. McNeill	J. H. Robson
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Chapman	R. E. Griggs
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	W. A. Kelly	J. A. Emery
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	J. G. Little	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m	J. S. McLean, jr.	A. Trusler
393	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	W. G. Hyland	W. T. Ross
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	John Smith	Chas. Garner
395	Parvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	C. L. McDermott	W. A. Keith
396	aCedar	Wiarion	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. M. Newman	R. G. Trout
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	Duncan Warren	A. D. Cotter
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. F. Ross	E. Mosgrove
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Cornish	H. W. York
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Kaiting	C. A. Bradbury
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	F. S. Hall	G. W. Henley
402	Central	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	T. B. S. Tweedale	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	H. D. Drake	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m	W. S. Wagar	Jas. Aylesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	Alex. Ross	G. S. Harkness
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. Bishop	F. W. Warren
408	Murray	Beaverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. E. McKenzie	W. Williams
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday	Geo. Cliphams	F. Hornsby
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	F. W. Matthews	A. E. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. R. Tough	E. A. Hugill
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	1st Tues. e.m.	T. E. Simpson	J. C. Richard
413	aNaphthali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu on or b.f.m	W. A. Johnson	H. Caldwell
414	aPequonza	Kenora	1st Wednesday	G. W. Smith	S. C. Sharma
415	aPort William	Fort William	2d Wednesday	John Armstrong	W. H. Laver

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Released.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. C. M. C.	Expt'd	Rest'd	Total M'emb's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
138	3	3	1								69	Jun 1906	\$ 78 25	\$45 75	
139	17	20	8	4	2	3				2	314	"	256 50		
141											60	Dec. '06	4 00		
143	27	27	24	7	10	3				1	275	Jun 1908	186 50	3 00	
144	5	4	2	1	1						42	"	20 00		
145	9	9	9	1	1	1	1				49	"	58 00		
146	11	6	1	1	1						260	"	160 50		
147	4	3	3	1	1	1	2				59	"	60 25	1 25	
148	7	3	2	3							77	"	55 00		
150	7	5	3	3	5	2				1	105	"	98 75	1 00	
151	2	2	2	2	2	1	5				62	"	51 50	3 00	
156	6	4	4	1	1						55	"	46 25		
157	4	4	5				1				98	"	73 00		
158	9	7	8			2					47	"	72 25		
159	4	5	4								58	"	44 75		
160	2	2	4			2					70	"	51 00		
161	11	4		5			2				142	"	81 00	11 50	
163					2						51	Dec. '07	32 50	2 00	
164	6	6	5		1		1				7	Jun 1908		28 50	
167	23	26	27	4		4	3				308	"	245 50		
168	5	7	8	1		1					167	"	133 25	6 00	
169	14	10	4	2	4	1				5	88	"	67 00		
170	7	6	5		2	2					67	Dec. '07	60 75		
171	6	11	9		1	1				1	133	Jun 1908	101 00		
172	6	6	7		2						92	"	62 00		
173	10	11	14	1							83	"	90 75		
174	2	1	1		2						33	"	12 25		
175	2	2	2					1			38	Dec. '07	100 75		
176	6	7	2		2						110	Jun 1908	104 50	2 00	
177	9	5	5	2	4						75	"	41 25		
178	19	21	18				4				132	"	112 00	1 00	
179	4	4	4	1						1	35	Dec. '07	34 00		\$50 00
180	20	18	20		5	1				2	203	"	168 75		
182	18	20	24	3	4	5				2	298	Jun 1908	212 00	5 00	
183	10	11	9	1	2	2				1	102	"	34 25		
184	46	44	46	10	8	5				1	340	"	304 00	50	
185	10	9	6	1	4						73	"	64 75	1 00	
186	6	3	2	2	1	1					82	"	66 25	1 00	
187	2	3	3	1							46	Jun 1907	37 25		2 75
188											35	Jun 1906	1 00		
189	2	3	1		1						48	Jun 1908	32 75		
190	2	5	5		2						36	Dec. '07	58 00	50	
191	5	4	5	1	2						78	Jun 1908	77 75		
192	4	4	4	1	3		4			3	70	"	64 50		
193	4	5	6	3	1						53	"	61 00		
194	3	5	4				3				58	"	62 25		
195	1	1	3								55	"	26 50		
196	6	4	4	1	1						115	"	129 00	33 75	
197	5	5	2		1						69	Dec. '07	53 50		
198											35	Jun 1906			1 00
199	5	5	2			1	1				37	Jun 1908	38 00		
200	5	5	19	3	1	1	3				131	"	88 00		
201	7	7	8		3						83	"	73 75		
202	2	2	2		2	3					62	"	55 50		
203	25	26	25	4	2	3	7				245	"	187 25	4 00	
204	6	5	8	1	1						68	"	74 25		2 00
205	2	2		1	4		1			1	86	"	56 25		
206	4	5		3	3						77	"	60 50		
207	2	2	1	1			1				53	"	52 50		
208	4	3	2	1	1					2	86	"	65 00	1 50	
210	20	18	18	6	3	3	6				237	"	205 50	1 00	
211	13	14	15	2	3	2	1				43	"		2 00	
212	15	10	10	5	4		6				254	"	209 25		
213											77	Jun 1905			
214	14	12	2	12	1	12				2	132	Jun 1908	148 50	3 00	
215	8	10	10	1		1	5			1	146	Dec. '08	127 00	4 00	

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. E. A. Pocock	C. W. Bullock
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday	L. D. McCall	A. J. Holmes
418	aMaxville	Maxville	2nd Tuesday	D. M. McLean	J. C. Jeffrey
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday	F. J. McKee	B. F. George
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Monday	W. J. Johnston	Wm. A. Griffin
421	aScott	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	Stewart Tate	Wm. McIntyre
422	aStar of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m	A. D. Graham	F. J. Shreve
423	aStroud	Sundridge	3d Monday	W. H. Johnston	W. W. Robert
424	aDoric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m	John Gormley	M. S. Chapman
425	aSt. Clair	Bombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	G. M. Sheppardson	H. G. Stokes
426	aStanley	W. Tor Junc	1st Tuesday	W. D. Thomas	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday	R. S. Mitchell	J. G. Lowe
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F. on or b.f.m	F. D. McGrattan	H. G. Hutehne
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm J. Muir	Geo. W. Smith
430	aAcacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday	J. C. Hunter	L. H. Graham
431	aMoravian	Eden Grove	F. on or a.f.m	Alex. McKesman	Wm. Benedic
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	John Mills	C. H. Withu
433	aBonneschere	Eganville	2nd Monday	J. C. Gourley	James Reeves
434	aAlgonquin	Emdale	Tu. on or a.f.m	G. F. Richardson	A. W. Freeman
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m	W. Harrington	Ward Patterson
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Wm. Cameron	A. B. Gowdy
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	John Boyd	Geo. Wenino
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday	A. H. Lougheed	W. T. Martin
439	aAlexandria	Alexandra	1st Tuesday	Geo. Bradley	David Wason
440	Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	A. J. Hewitt	W. S. Munn
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday	T. A. Jesch	W. M. Ewart
442	aDymont	Thessalon	Th. on or b.f.m	J. H. B. Elliott	N. H. Rutherford
443	aPowassan	Powassan	2nd Friday	A. J. Porter	Jas. Arthurs
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Tu. on or a.f.m	Nor'm R. Cooper	Geo. E. J. Br
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednesday	W. A. Wilson	Wm. Johnston
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. P. Wright	L. Christie
447	aSturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Fl's	M. on or b.f.m	A. W. Smith	H. C. Anderson
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Healey	E. Hanson
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	M. on or b.f.m	J. W. Armstrong	W. J. Fry
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Thursday b.f.m	A. P. Rutherford	H. H. Kirby
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Dawkins	Amos Train
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. H. McMillan	S. Shaver
453	Royal	Ft. William	1st Wednesday	John J. Wells	F. C. Perry
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls	1st Monday	C. W. Coulter	J. W. Harris
455	aDoric	Little Curnt	Tu. on or b.f.m	Joe Ellenton	Geo. M. Strin
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m	Oliver Dumfield	A. R. Terry
457	aCentury	Merlin	1st Monday	J. E. Armstrong	E. W. Neal
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m	J. G. Colquhoun	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday	A. W. Maier	F. B. Elliott
460	aRideau	Sealey's Bay	Th. on or b.f.m	C. C. Gilbert	H. F. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River	1st Thurs. a.m	A. W. Walsh	E. S. Fairbank
462	aTemiscaming	New Liskeard	3rd Thursday	C. B. Taylor	Thos. Armagh
463	aNorth Entrance	Haliburton	4th Fri. a.m.	G. B. McBrien	A. E. Jones
464	aKing Edward	Sunderland	Fr. on or b.f.m	E. G. Sutherland	R. J. Shier
465	aCarleton	Carp	Fr. on or b.f.m	T. A. Brown	T. E. Argue
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday	W. J. McGuire	J. L. Thompson
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	Fr. on or b.f.m	A. P. Potter	R. J. McCabe
468	Peel	Caledon East	Fr. on or b.f.m	G. W. Berney	Jno. W. Phill
469	Algona	St. St. Marie	2nd Wednesday	Geo. Fisher	H. S. Hamill
470	aVictoria	Vic. Harbor	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. J. Vent	H. C. Smyth
471	aKing Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed., E.M.	John Lennox	Carl A. Herb
472	aGore Bay	Gore Bay	1st Wed., E.M.	W. G. White	C. C. Platt
473	The Beachers	Balmy Beach	2nd Friday	R. J. W. Barker	E. F. Walker
474	aVictoria	Toronto Jun.	3rd Tuesday	J. S. Hill	D. D. Macdon
475	aDundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday	James Hooper	G. H. Lanig
476	aCorinthian	North Gower	Fr. on or b.f.m	J. H. Cryderman	W. Pettaple
477	aHarding	Woodville	Fr. on or a.f.m	Wm. Kannavin	A. E. Stab
478	aMilverton	Milverton	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Livingston	W. J. Zoega
479	aRussell	Russell	W. on or b.f.m	Walter Rowan	W. H. Low
480	aWilliamsburg	N. Wmsburg	1st Thursday	Chas. Whitteker	W. C. White
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	2nd Thursday	John Stephens	C. H. Corto

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														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
416	3	3	3								46	Jun1908	\$ 34 75		
417	9	7	7	3			6				69	"	60 00		
418	1	2	3	1	3		7				77	"	54 75	\$ 5 75	
419	2	2	2								83	"	47 00		
420	20	9	7	9	4	2	2			3	148	"	133 75		
421	3	3	3		3		2				86	"	68 75	\$ 3 00	
422	5	5	4				1				50	"	29 50		
423	6	6	6		3		1			1	59	"	50 25		
424	3	2	2	1	2		1				43	"	61 00		
425	4	6	7	2	3		3				74	"	66 25		
426	22	19	21	2	2		2				266	"	185 25		
427	13	8	7	1	2	1				2	167	"	124 05	1 00	
428	2	1	4								99	"	34 25		
429	4	4	3	2			3				57	"	34 75		
430	22	18	20	2	2		5				137	"	134 00	3 00	
431					1						53	"	34 50		
432	7	3	1								53	Dec. '07	50 25		
433	9	8	5		7	1					57	Jun1908	77 75		
434	7	4	2	1							58	Dec. '07	63 75		
435	7	4	4		2	1					88	"	68 00	1 00	
436	3	3	2	1	4						39	Jun1908	17 50	29 25	
437	8	5	5	3	4	2					158	"	122 50		
438	13	12	10		3						325	Dec. '07	250 00	7 00	
439		2	6	1							55	Jun1908	47 00		
440	5	6				1					52	"	47 50		2 00
441	15	10	7	1	2						51	"	62 00		
442	8	7	12	2	4	1				3	86	"	80 00		
443											53	Jun1907	78 00	6 00	
444	4	3	3		2		2				60	Dec. '07	43 00		
445	8	7	4	1	2	1					47	Jun1908	56 00		
446	6	6	5	1	3		1				68	"	51 75	3 00	
447	9	14	14		2	2					62	"		2 00	
448											42	Jun1907	54 50	4 00	
449			1	1	2						38	Jun1908	19 00		50
450											54	Jun1907	50 50		
451	6	6	5		2		2			1	56	Jun1908	43 00		
452	9	5	4	1		1	1				46	"	31 75	3 00	
453	6	8	9	2			1				91	"	67 50		
454	8	10	11		2	1					51	"	45 50		3 00
455	13	11	8	3	4		2				74	"	69 25		1 50
456	2	2	2			1	1				40	"	19 00	22 00	
457	3	3	3			1					28	"		55 75	
458	4	5	5								63	"	46 25		
459	2	2	2		2	1					55	Dec. '07	18 50		
460	3	2		1	2	1					37	Jun1908	38 25		
461	6	9	13		4	1					67	Dec. '07	63 75		
462	22	18	19	2	8						106	Jun1908	147 25	5 50	
463	4	4	3	2	2						38	"	44 50		
464		1	2		1						50	Dec. '07	57 25		
465	3	4	3	1	1						56	Jun1908	51 75	12 50	
466	4	3	2	1	1	1					60	"	41 00		
467											41	Jun1906	42 50		
468	3	6	4		1						47	Jun1908	30 50		
469	7	6	7	3	2	1					85	"	75 00		50
470	14	15	12	1	2						79	"	81 75	2 75	
471	3	8	3	1							47	"	37 75		
472	12	16	14	1	3						54	"	59 00	4 00	
473	18	10	7	9	3		3				127	"	161 25	13 50	
474	16	10	10	4	2		2				99	"	84 50	12 50	
475	18	19	23	6	2	1	2				86	"	113 75		
476	8	9	8	1		4					59	"	61 00	4 00	
477	2	2	2								46	"	139 25	17 50	
478	8	3	2		1						39	"	60 75		
479	5	6	5	2							43	Dec. '07	61 75		
480	7	8	5	2							28	Jun1908	47 00		
481	13	12	10		2						71	"	69 50		

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
452	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	Fr. on or b.f.m	John Ballard.....	J. A. Eby.....
483	Granton	Granton.....	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Dunn.....	C. M. Wells.....
484	Golden Star	Dryden.....	.....	Wm. A. Quibell.....	A. E. Annis.....
485	Halleybury	Halleybury.....	.....	N. J. McAuley.....	A. E. Way.....
486	Silver	Cobalt .....	.....	John D. Byrnes.....	R. C. Scriven.....
U.D.	Penewobikong	Blind River.....	2nd Monday.....	W. G. White.....	.....
U.D.	King Edward	Harrow.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. E. Richardson.....	J. E. Knapp.....
U.D.	St. Andrew's	Arden.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	John W. Brown.....	.....
U.D.	Osiris	Smith's Falls.....	Friday a.f.m.	F. C. Hagar	J. C. Douglas.....
U.D.	Acacia.....	Starkdale.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Armstrong.....	J. W. Tucker.....

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AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. O.	Exp'd	Ret'd.	Total M'mbs	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
482	15	10	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	Jun 1908	\$ 77 00	.....	.....
483	6	6	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	"	21 50	.....	.....
484	29	14	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	"	98 75	.....	\$ 9 75
485	23	15	4	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	"	45 25	.....	.....
486	19	13	6	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	"	27 00	\$15 00	.....
U. D.	5	1	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	"	21 00	6 00	.....
U. D.	9	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	"	20 00	6 30	.....
U. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	"	0 25	.....	.....
U. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	"	.....	.....	.....
3147 2941 2587 574 702 455 428 3 1 195 42180															

Total Receipts from Lodges.....	\$32989 73
Interest.....	5116 07
Sundries.....	649 00
Refund from San Francisco Relief Com- mittee, Grand Lodge of California.....	200 00
Debentures Redeemed.....	18342 85

\$ 54297 65

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (25.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Mooiy, Highgate.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 386, McColli.....	West Lor
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetow
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 396, Parvaim.....	Comb
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 402, Central.....	Fas
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 403, Windsor.....	Winds
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodne
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Cent
" 282, Lorne.....	Glenoe	" 422, Star of the East.....	Rothwe
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 448, Xenophon.....	Wh-atle
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 457, Century.....	Merli
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	U.D. King Edward.....	Harro
" 336, Highgate.....	Highgate		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, Point Edward.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtrig
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Naple
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourn
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachi
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Bridge
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 426, St. Clair.....	Sombe
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall London.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 299, Doric.....	Lob
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 302, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndal
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 303, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 54, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London V
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 202, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesfor
" 222, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Modat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (18)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. E. Cooper, Seaforth.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 294, Zurich.....	Hensa
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 293, Doric.....	Parkhi
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 309, Morning Star.....	Carle
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 318, Wilmet.....	Bade
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 456, Elma.....	Monkton
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 473, Milverton.....	Milverton
" 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g	" 483, Granton.....	Granton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Foster, Listowel.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincairdine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwic
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Ta
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesle
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Wiar
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elg
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Gro
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanov
" 284, St. John's.....	Brus-els	" 436, Burns.....	Hepwor
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. Grant, Paris.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Flatville.....	Plattsville
" 69, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 259, Springfield....	Springfield
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Inniskip
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford	" 359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. W. Randall, Guelph.

No. 73, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 173, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 237, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. Finlay, Georgetown.

No. 6, The Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strick Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Amilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 167, Burlington.....	Burlington	" 475, Dundurn.....	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. C. Campbell, Shelburne.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 304, Mineva.....	Stroud
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 193, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 385, Spyr.....	Beeton
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 444, Nitatis.....	Creemore
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 466, Coronation.....	Elmvale
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 467, Tottenham.....	Tottenham
" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	" 470, Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor
" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston	U. D. Acacia.....	Markdale

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 106, St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls S.	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 163, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York	" 471, King Edward VII.	Chippewa

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (23).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Haywood, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 65, Rehoboth.....Toronto	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 96, True Blue.....Bolton	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 468, Peel.....Caledon East
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 474, Victoria.....Toronto Junction
" 292, Robertson.....King	" 481, Corinthian.....Toronto
" 305, Humber.....Weston	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 97, Sharon.....Queensville	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 473, The Beaches.....Balm Beach
" 220, Zerodatha.....Uxbridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO 12 (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Jos. White, Whitby.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland
" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield	" 477, Harding.....Woodville
" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Sewton, Belleville.

No. 11, Molra.....Belleville	No. 127, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	" 482, Bancroft.....Bancroft

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napawee	" 223, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Cataraqui.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tarnworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 187, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Beeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	U.D. St. Andrew's.....Arden

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. T. Hands, Richardson.

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville	No. 242, Macoy.....Mallorytown
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 370, Harmony.....Delton
" 28, Mount Zion.....Kemptville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 399, Crystal Fountain.....N. August
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 416, Lyn.....Lyn
" 85, Rising Sun.....Athens	U.D. Osiris.....Smith's Falls
" 110, Central.....Prescott	

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OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—E. W. Bro. S. S. Davidson, Ottawa.

No. 52, Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 209, Evergreen.....Lanark
" 53, Doric.....Ottawa	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
" 63, St. John's.....Carleton Place	" 264, Chaudiere.....Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....Pembroke	" 433, Bonneschere.....Eganville
" 147, Mississippi.....Almonte	" 459, Coblen.....Oobden
" 148, Civil Service.....Ottawa	" 465, Carleton.....Carp
" 152, Goodwood.....Richmond	" 476, Corinthian.....North Gower
" 177, The Builders.....Ottawa	" 479, Russell.....Russell
" 196, Madawaska.....Arnprior	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Fred. Symes, Fort William.

No. 297, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 446, Granite.....Fort Frances
" 414, Pequonga.....Kenora	" 453, Royal.....Fort William
" 415, Fort William.....Fort William	" 461, Ionic.....Rainy River
" 417, Keewatin.....Keewatin	" 484, Golden Star.....Dryden
" 445, Lake of the Woods.....Kenora	U.D. Penewobikong.....Blind River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (12.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck, North Bay.

No. 405, Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 455, Doric.....Little Current
" 412, Keystone.....Sault Ste. Marie	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard
" 420, Nipissing.....North Bay	" 469, Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie
" 427, Nickel.....Sudbury	" 472, Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
" 442, Dymont.....Thessalon	" 485, Halleybury.....Halleybury
" 447, Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls	" 486, Silver.....Cobalt

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. J. H. Metcalfe, Emsdale.

No. 352, Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, Port Hope.

No. 26, Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....Keene
" 114, Hope.....Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....Omamee
" 145, J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....Peterborough	

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (15.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Rev. C. O. Carson, Wales.

No. 21a, St. John's.....Vankleek Hill	No. 383, Henderson.....West Winchester
" 125, Cornwall.....Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria.....Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....Iroquois	" 450, Hawkesbury.....Hawkesbury
" 186, Plantagenet.....Plantagenet	" 452, Avonmore.....Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....Lancaster	" 458, Wales.....Wales
" 258, Farran's Point.....Aultsville	" 480, Williamsburg.....N. Wmsburg
" 320, Chesterville.....Chesterville	

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	23 Lodges.
St. Clair	" 2.....	20 "
London	" 3.....	26 "
South Huron	" 4.....	18 "
North Huron	" 5.....	19 "
Wilson	" 6.....	22 "
Wellington	" 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" 8.....	22 "
Georgian	" 9.....	24 "
Niagara	" 10.....	22 "
Toronto West	" 11.....	23 "
Toronto East	" 11a.....	21 "
Ontario	" 12.....	15 "
Prince Edward	" 13.....	20 "
Frontenac	" 14.....	16 "
St. Lawrence	" 15.....	15 "
Ottawa	" 16.....	19 "
Algoma	" 17.....	10 "
Nipissing	" 18.....	12 "
Muskoka	" 19.....	8 "
Otonabee	" 20.....	13 "
Eastern	" 21.....	15 "

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1907-1908

No. 2—Alex McNair, John J. Ball, Henry Bell. 3—Fred A. Folger. 11—Frank Farnham, Samuel E. Phippen. 15—Hy J. Kennedy. J. Calvert, Robert N. Campbell, William F. Harvey. 16—Elliot S. Roy. D'Arcy E. Hooker. 18—Walter S. Cooper. 20—Richard A. Bayley, R. Cunningham, J. R. Dwyer, J. E. Gilson, S. M. Gordsir, W. A. Tune, R. Whitt. 23—Valentine Thomas. 31—R. H. Brunt, J. A. McTaggart, John F. Thompson. 33—James Inkster, Peter Wylie, Alex Ferguson. 35—Robt H. Wintermu. Wm L. Sutherland, Howard A. Leslie, Henry J. Parker. 37—John H. George. 40—A. M. Cuthbertson, C. A. Calkins, Geo. Metherall, E. McCoy, W. J. Pollard. A. A. Wighton, J. P. Clucas. 41—Albert E. Shier, John A. Maycock. 42—J. Nicholson, Walter Logan, Thos. Raycroft. 43—A. E. Longmore, A. R. Best, M. Powell, W. M. Baker, Ed. Evans, G. H. Rapson. 44—Herbert Fluelling, F. Oatman, M. J. Williamson, A. T. Jones, W. R. Young. 45—R. H. Larmour, H. Curtis, J. D. Edgar, N. B. Cobbledick, F. C. Salter, C. W. Olmstead. 46—Hy Philp, Lachlan Kennedy, Lewis Wagner. 50—Jas. Baird, Jas. A. Arthur, J. E. Glenn, David P. Corry. 52—Geo. M. Daiglish, Robt. Jas. Johnson, Rockl. Ronan. 55—W. G. Gardiner, J. R. Tate, J. C. Carnwith, J. H. Todd, Wm. Burrett, H. S. Ferguson. 58—C. M. Farley, R. C. Henry, D. A. Hewitt, F. J. M. Creedy, L. H. Thompson. 61—Arthur L. Cherry, Geo. Perry. 62—Robt. Hostetler. Harry P. Coverdale. 64—D. C. C. McDonald, C. L. Mackay, Thos. W. Armitage. 65—James Tilly, Chas. Mitehell. 72—Thos. Jaffray, A. B. Bragg, E. J. Scott. Marshall, C. T. Johnston. 73—Alex. Tracy, Wm. Webster. 84—Percy Fair. Jos. Wheatley. 86—John D. Edwards, Wm. H. Riches. 90—Samuel Hewitt. Chas. Gillespie, Wm. Cole, Wm. Bain. 96—Ean. Edward Williams, Andre. Urquhart. 100—Sol. S. Binkley, Wm. Foot, Geo. Milligan, Alex. Ross, H. Marshall. 106—Lewis Bond. 108—Wm. O. Taylor. 109—Wm. Cannon, A. McKenzie, Fred G. Dennison, Ralph R. Venus. 119—Geo. Thos. Howard. 121—Wm. Angle. 122—Hamilton Douglas. 127—Jesse W. Hearn, Wm. A. Johnston, C. S. Zwick, W. C. Chisholm, R. Purdy, Wm. Kerr, Orton Moran, C. Hess, Wm. Terry, Samuel Jay. 128—Robt. Russell, Corson L. Russell. 136—Albert Barkley. 137—William J. Lowe. 141—W. P. Kerr, T. H. Racz. 149—John Alexander, James E. Drew. 154—John E. Middleton. 156—John Willis, John Hofland, Joseph Collett, James Dickenson, Charles Forrest, John J. Zimmerman. 180—Jas. R. Palmer, J. Scrutton, D. McHunt. Wm. H. Lillie, H. C. Speller. 181—Fred W. Fay. 184—Hugh Morrison, Hug. A. McKenzie, Wm. T. Anderson. 185—Stephen Knight. 190—Arthur Christie. Daniel Spring. 192—Chas. F. Lewis. 194—John J. Bell. 200—Wm. Currie, W. H. Jones. 201—J. B. Haig, F. H. Lutz, Thos. W. Wilmott. 209—W. A. M. Cameron. Wm. A. Balkevell, John K. Bell. 216—John S. Yeomans, Thos. McAdam, Robt. J. Kyles, W. R. Summerfeldt. 218—Jno. W. Brewer, Wm. Douglas, Thos. McMullen, Jas. F. Smith, J. R. Townley, H. T. Whittier, Hy. McBride, Job. Acheson, Hugh Cunningham, Geo. K. Richardson, Edward Thornton, Henry Whitcombe. 219—Wm. Knight, H. B. Henderson, Lucas Auld, Thos. A. Porter. 224—Walter T. Ferguson, Wm. McCloy. 225—Neil E. Mackinnon, Alex. Hasar. 230—John Thompson, Edward A. Wilson. 231—Thos. C. King, Wm. Stewart. 235—Geo. A. Burrows. 242—Wm. Cook. 245—J. M. How. 247—Fred J. Newton. Ivan M. Dales, Smith A. Hart. 249—James Sage, Wm. W. Robertson. 253—M. Oberndorffer, R. Spence. 254—Wm. Hoshal, Thos. Melin, Peter McRobert. 255—Alex. Cuthbert. 256—Samuel Henry. 257—E. J. Beaumont, John H. Harris. Adam H. Cranston, Alfred J. Doke, W. D. Reid, Geo. Mutch. 258—Alfr. Mosley. 260—John Duggan. 261—Robert Walton, Francis Jordan. 263—John Callan, Geo. E. Munroe, W. R. Watt, Wallace Mellon. 264—J. C. Finley. M. W. Merrill, Phillip Service, J. W. McDonald. 267—Wm. Bennett, Jas. Brodie, Jno. Carpenter, Jas. N. Jenkins, F. W. Sharp. 271—Robt. W. Brodie. Thos. Birkhead, Joseph Jaggs. 274—Solomon Burk, Johnston Dunn, Vansickle, George Tyrell. 283—John W. Butterfield, W. E. Foster, John Thompson, J. J. Harwood. 284—Geo. E. Hudson, E. Caldbrick. 287—C. J. Carro. R. Newman, Alf. Saunders, M. J. McLeod, Peter Crance. 290—Geo. E. Robinson. M. W. Hutchins, Geo. McKay, W. Archibald. 292—David Blough. 295—Jas. Seymour, Jas. E. Varley. 302—W. M. Angle, H. H. Tedford, Chas. E. Locke. A. E. Bunbo, J. S. Ferguson, W. H. Smythe, Daniel McIntyre. 308—Jam. Barr, William Scott, Jno. Wells. 304—Chas. A. Dixon. 305—Wm. T. Porter. 307—Reginald McIntosh, Jas. E. Brown, Geo. Barnes. 316—Thos. Milne. Wm. McPherson, F. C. Ham, Chris Warren, W. E. Ward, W. T. Wilson. F. Martin, A. R. Still, J. Allan, A. Bates, Robt. Doherty, W. J. Harris, F. H. Larmuir, Abraham Marks, Robt. Mahood. 318—John McGillame, Christian Witte, Colin Berdeaux, Geo. T. Devine. 330—John M. Cameron, J. Foster. C. Garrow, C. P. Gray, Chris Hetherington, A. McMillan, Baur McMillan, W. Becker, Jas. Antell, Jno. H. Cameron, Jno. W. Cameron. 332—Duncan Morrison, Jno. E. Laine, Wm. J. McCormack, Alex. Robertson. 333—Geo. B. Arch. McTaggart, E. Hodgins, C. B. Latta, Jas. E. McPhail. 334—P. M. Keen. T. A. Carscallen, W. J. Jackson, Geo. Rae, W. A. Tebb. 336—Rd. E. Crane. Knauer, Wm. S. Milne, Geo. J. Newton. 337—Ealic Carter, W. H. Wilson.

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No. 9—Clinton A Jenkins. 146—Fredk H O Stinson. 302—Wm Hy Beal. 375—Wm John Lamb.

DEATHS 1907—1908

No. 2—Ormsby A Hudson, 21st April '08. 3—George Lee, 2nd November '07; Jas Alexander, 6th May '08; Wm Lewis, 20th May '08. 5—John Menish, 12th August '07. 6—Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; Robt Griffith, 28th December '07; C W Mekins, 7th February '08; Frank B Vallance, 20th March '08. 7—W F Biggar, 20th August '07; Theron D Van Dyke, 20th July '07; Robt Thompson, 7th August '07; Chas H Pettit, 20th April '08. 9—Archibald C Clarke, 27th December '07; Wm Templeton, 3rd March '08. 10—Hiram Steinhoff, 17th October '07; H M Courtlandt, 26th October '07; R Porteous, 22nd November '07; Jno W Tripp, 23rd November '07. 11—Jas Mackie, 21st January '08. 14—Andrew Allan, 9th August, '07. 15—Jas G Harris, 26th January '07; Jno A Ross, 13th February, '07; Francis Connor, 25th March '07; Arch E Grass, 20th August, '07; Jno Sulter, 1st December '07; D W Bixley, 20th January '08; Jas C McGregor, 7th February '08. 16—Allan Sutherland, 3rd July '07; Frank B Polson, 28th October '07; Frank Watt, 9th December '07; Robt Robinson, 12th December '07; W F McMaster, 7th January '07; D. Milloy, 12th January '07; Jno M Dixon, 10th April '07. 17—Thos Gilband, 20th August '07. 18—John Waring, 20th September '07; Victory Sekes, 18th February '08; B A Hubbs, 3rd March '08; Jacob F. Herringer, 23rd May '08; Nostrand Sprague, 30th October '07. 20—Henry Griffin, 24th October '07; James C Ensign, 4th November '07. 21a—James Cross, 8th September '07. 22—William A Oronhyatekka '07; James H Powers, 10th November '07; Wm J Townley, 8th September '07; Jas N Middleton, 22nd August '07; Thos Hutchison, 20th February '08; Wm H Pomeroy, 2nd May '08. 23—Henry Skeele, 21st October '07. 24—Joseph Edward, 18th August '07; C J Humphrey, 23rd December '07; Wm Corbett, 18th May '08. 25—Fredk J Manley, 13th September '07. 26—Walter J Renwick, 17th March '08; Thos R Froom, 10th June '08. 27—Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; Wm Stewart, 15th December '07; E A Dalley, 12th January '08. J W Sinclair, 6th January '08. 28—Wilburt L Phelps, Anson J Cochrane, Thos Johnston, William L Maley. 29—Alfred Howard, 20th December '07. 31—Alex K McDougall, 12th February '08. 32—Jas A Babbitt, 4th January '07; Harold Eagle, 20th May '08. 33—Edward C Attrill, 18th July '07; Geo N Davis, 5th August '07; Jno R Craigie, 10th January '08. 34—Wm Harrowman, 5th December '07; Thos Hobly, 6th December '07. 35—Evan S Martin, 16th December '07. 37—Harry Rowland, 3rd November '07. Wm H Wills, 8th January '08; Edgar D Lewis, 16th May '08. 38—Frank J Golden, 17th March '08. Wm Duif, Jr, 27th May '08. 40—John McKay, 23rd July '07; Hugh Murray, 28th November '07;

Matthew Howles, 13th December '07; T W Forwood, 14th August '07; Wm Halliday, 23rd February '08. 41—John F Sherwood, 14th November '07. 42—Samuel Keast, 20th December '07. 43—Geo H Cheyne, 6th July '07. 44—Jas Fewings, 20th November '07; Hy Bradshaw, 17th July '07; Albert Couse, 27th February '08; Jesse Wallis, 14th March '08. 45—Wm Franck, 8th July '07; J H Cocker, 10th March '08; Stephen Tomlinson, 8th April '08. 46—Albert E White, 23rd September '07. 47—Chas McArthur, 24th August '07; Louis H Meisner, 14th October '07; Wm R Burnett, 10th April '08. 48—Samuel J Parke, 5th August '07; Daniel Howe, 10th October '07. 49—Geo Sylvester Blaisdell, 29th January '08; John Sweetman, 29th December '07. 50—John Latimer, 28th September '07. 51—John Muir, 8th October '07. 52—Wm Farr, 30th October '07. 53—George Mitchell, 2nd January '08; David Greenhill, 15th January '08. 54—Abraham Levy, 24th June '07; Robert Berryman, 31st May '07; Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; John Smith, 13th January '08; B. Edwards, 17th January '08; John Gompf, 22nd January '08; Samuel McGill, 28th February '08. 55—John Ryan, 13th January '08. 56—Walter McLequham, 8th July '07; William Hill, 11th October '07. 57—Wm Henry Hoskin, 28th March '08; Fred Spittal, 9th April '08; Geo R B Sippl, 26th August '08. 58—Silas Abbey, 23rd July '01; R Dennis, 2nd October '73; David Hoskins, 28th November '90; D Carnegie, 6th March '08; James Watt, 12th May '08; Nelson S Young, 4th June '08. 59—Richard Warren, 14th July '07. 60—Thos Sine, 4th August '07; John A French, 2nd August '07; J Earl Halliwell, 10th September '07. 72—J L Whiteford, 12th February '08. 73—Thos Bennett, 12th August '07; Teophilus T Garner, 16th April '07. 75—W R Hill, 7th October '07; Neil McEachren, 4th May '08; J W Elliott, 28th June '08. 76—W T Wilkinson, 19th November '07; Alex H Fuller, 19th January '08; Wm Griffiths, 6th March '08. 77—Wm D Hamilton, July '07. 81—Peter Toles, 24th July '07. 82—George Bursnall, 9th February '08; Robt Lang, 9th May '08; F M Smith, 9th July '08. 83—Jas H English, 2nd July '07; Wm A Armstrong, 4th July '07. 86—George Moir, 19th February '08; Thos J Harris, 5th July '08. 88—Amos W Cunningham, 25th January '08. 90—Robt Henry, 91—Henry Smedley, 23rd July '07; Fred O McGlennon, 18th October '07. 92—T J Healey, 11th March '07; Edward Law, 27th June '07; Geo S Oldreive, 14th December '07. 93—Robert Baird, 15th August '07; Richard D Hall, 24th February '08. 96—Fredk N Warren, 9th April '08. 97—Adam Borngasser, 23rd March '08; Benjamin F Pearson, 17th May '08; Wm S Terry, 16th March '08. 99—James A Bastido, 23rd December '07. 100—Henry M Howard, 4th December '07. 101—John Beatty '07; Wm Pringle, 4th January '08; Wm J McCallum, 22nd June '08. 103—E Goodman, 9th April '08; Wm McGlashan, 9th May '08. 104—Byron Addison, 10th April '08. 105—Vert Fralick, 16th January '08; John Law, 19th March '08; Wellington A Kennedy, 21st April '08. 106—Jas Stitt, 13th November '07; T J Muir, 18th December '08. 107—Allan Bogue, 24th March '08. 108—John Ramsey, 21st January '08. 110—Robt A Scott, 30th June '07; Thos Burton, 6th July '07; Daniel McMillin, 26th August '07. 113—Alonzo M Barber, 25th August '07. 115—Ernest H Robinson, 18th October '07. 116—John Clarke, 10th March '07; Geo W Holwell, 18th November '07. 119—Wm J Neilson, 12th December '07; Adam Johnston, 9th May '08. 121—Thos Hy Spence, 11th September '07; W H Alford, 15th January '08; Gilbert P Taylor, 26th May '08. 122—Nelson W. Cleary, 10th November '07; Rev Robt Campbell, December 25th '07; Thos B Muir, 9th February '08. 123—Richard Waters, 10th October '07; Wm A Morton, 21st October '07; Jas S McCurdy, 28th October '07; A Wensley, 11th December '07. 126—Wm Cleugh, 1st December '07. 127—Chester W Clark, 24th February '07; Orville Sills, 13th March '07; C E Knight, 8th June '08. 128—John Cockburn, 2nd January '08. 131—Josiah Parkhouse, 2nd March '08; Hy L Pratt, 10th March '08. 133—Joseph Snell, 9th May '08. 135—D Wheelihan, 26th June '07. 137—Jas Clelland, 11th March '08; Geo Hair, 14th February '08; S Carson, 15th September '07; Jos Bell, 28th May '08; G A Brown, 29th January '07. 139—Thos Morrison, 11th January '07. 140—Wm White, 20th February '07; J B Ogilvie, 6th July '07; R C Wright, 29th January '08; Wm Tilley, 15th March '08; Stephen Pound, 8th Eay '08. 144—Alfred H Burgoyne, 5th February '08. 145—Wm T Grundy, 29th April '08. 146—John Jackson, 147—Walter Black, 15th January '08; Chas A Forsythe, 27th April '08. 148—Wm F Boardman, 5th January '07; Jno Sweetman, 29th December '07. 149—Arthur C Barrett, 12th October '07. 151—Jno S Hoffman, 29th August '07; Geo W Wight, 25th April '08. 153—John E Clouse, 3rd July '07; Wm L Lambert, 9th February '08. 154—Isaac McLean, 22nd October '07. 156—Wm Brown, 4th October '07; Fred C Miller, 24th February '08; John Burke, 20th March '08. 157—Geo S Johnston, 29th May '08. 158—John H Chapman, 26th August '07. 161—Robert Walker, 164—Henry Dunning, 15th December '07. 165—James W Upper, 6th December '07. 166—Conby A Clark, 5th November '07; F M Carpenter, 25th September '07; Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; John Culp, 4th March '07. 168—Wm H Crow, 24th October '07; Chas S Seiger, 172—Joseph Gillespie, 28th February '08. 177—Jas D Smith, 13th June '08, 180—James Cormack, 28th September '07. Willard

Marshall, 4th December '06; Robt McPhail, 15th May '08; Alex Robertson, 23rd February '08. 185—Wm Young, 23rd November '07. 186—John McBeth, August '07; John Higginbottom, January '08. 186—Geo. Fearmouth, 16th October '07. 200—Wm Colcleugh, 10th February '08. 201—J J Moore, 23rd January '07; J E Booth, 12th February '07; W G Matthews, 14th May '07; W E McBean, 9th June '07; Henry Parker, 27th November '07. 203—Edward Burns, 17th December '07; Jas Clarke, 1st May '08; J McDonald, 1st May '08. 203a—B W Greer, 19th September '07; Cyrus F Allison, 9th January '08. 215—John A Sprague, 1st September '07. 217—George Burns, 12th December '07; Thos Wraight, 12th December '07. 218—James Constable, 8th January '08; W H Hutchbury. 220—John Lethbridge, 15th January '08. 221—Peter S Middaugh, 25th July '07. 224—John Thomson, 22nd September '07. 230—Hy Dollery, 21st September '07; J F W Reed, 7th November '07; Wm Turner, 1st January '08; Wm Bain, 15th May '08. 231—Wm Thackeray, 20th December '07; Hugh A Hayes, 26th September '07; John D Sanderson, 21st March '08. 234—Jos Rorke, 11th April '07. 237—Chas Throthwaite, 28th December '07. 242—Francis Thomson, 22nd October '07. 245—Benjamin Boothroyd, 26th June '07; Ezra S Hubbell, 3rd November '07. 247—Wesley R Clark, 22nd July '07; Geo M Ryerson, 12th September '07; George Vair, 12th December '07; George F Davey, 9th May '08; Joshua T Johnston. 249—Francis J McCallum, 13th October '02. 250—Joseph Smith, 10th February '08. 254—Thos Murray, 3rd March '08. 255—Harry Weston, 4th March '08. 256—Thos Brown, 27th February '08. 261—Wm Park, 4th April '08. 262—F A Whitmore, 1st March '07. 263—Thos R K Scott, 1st March '08; Richard A Robson, 27th March '08. 264—Neil McIntosh, 14th June '07; S Davis Holofener, 8th May '08. 267—Rev N H Martin, 24th April '07; Robert Park, 4th August '07; Newton Luck, 12th Nov '07; Geo K Atkinson, 14th November '07. 268—Wm J Oliver, 2nd March '08. 271—Peter Thom, 27th September '07. 274—Abraham Armstrong, 8th November '07; T R Montgomery, 26th November '07. 276—Chas Armstrong, 12th March '08. 282—Geo A Dewar, 10th July '07. 283—Chas W Brewer, 8th October '07; Robert Arnott, 30th October '07; Wm Kemp, 13th November '07; D C Holme, 25th January '08. 287—Philip P McAllan, 17th December '07; J Erikkala, 3rd December '07; A Shanks, 9th June '08; C Coutts, 23rd March '08; Chas Unwin, 16th August '07; James E Walker, 14th July '07; Wm R Pingle, 19th February '08. 289—Luther Stiltson, 13th May '08. 296—John G Cummings, 13th January '08; Wm H Rees, 29th March '08. 297—Christopher Krees, 7th April '08. 300—Isaac Saul, 26th August '07; Wm H McMurray, 4th January '08. 302—George Armstrong, 18th May '08. 303—William Drummond, 25th July '07. 304—Robt G McCraw, 24th April '08. 306—Norman Kelsey, 26th October '07. 308—Andrew Bogle, 25th December '07; Duncan E Munroe, 1st January '08. 312—Hamilton Cranston, 27th January '08. 316—Edward N Medway, 20th March '07; Julius Davis, 26th December '07; C Warner, 31st December '07. 318—George Howard, Sr, 4th August '07. 321—Robt Agnew, 9th May '08. 323—Collin Kerr, 14th March '08. 324—Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; F E Walker, 27th September '07; Roland Hills, 1st February '08; E O Shaver, 26th May '08; John Cape, 7th June '08. 326—Graham B Kelsey, 2nd November '07; James Cooper, 24th September '07; D F Boyd, 3rd January '08; Hy Lowndes, 27th January '08; J W Peaker, 5th April '08; Wm A Sutherland, 12th March '08; Cubitt Sparkhall, 19th April '08. 329—Duncan Johnson. 331—Fred Smith, 8th November '07. 332—John C Bain, 5th December '07; Geo Simpson, 4th February '08. 333—Wm K Flesher, 1st December '07; A S Vandusen, 12th November, '07. 334—Frank B Mitchell, 5th July '07. 336—Chas Greenwood, 31st December '07; Stephen J Langham, 27th January '08; James Bedley, 16th May '08. 343—Clarence A Bernard, 20th May, '08; Fred G Brown, 26th May, '08; H A Collins, 20th June, '08. 345—Geo A Graham, 22nd July, '07. 347—John McDonald, 1st May, '08. 352—C L White, 1st Dec., '07; Fred'k Lindsay, 23rd March, '08. 358—William T Essay, 14th Jan'y, '08. 360—John R Higgins, 20th Feb'y, '08; Wm Sword, 6th May, '08. 367—H S McGuffie, 2nd Nov., '07; John Hetherington, 21st Nov., '07; W Geo Parsons, 13th Feb'y, '08; Hy Winsor, 28th April '08. 368—Geo Gale, 1st Oct. '07. 369—Thos J Hunter, 20th Oct., '07. 370—W H Godkin, 12th June, '07; G S McGhee, July, '07. 380—B W Greer, 19th Sept., '07. 382—F E Walker, 29th Sept., '07; Alphonso Haynes, 16th Nov., '07; Hugh Murray, 28th Nov., '07; S H Graham, 30th March, '08. 383—J H Gould, 6th Dec., '07; Chesley Suffel, 19th Jan., '08. 384—Jas R Hunter, 27th June, '07; Wm P Atkinson, 17th June, '08. 386—Ebeneza C Handy, 10th Sept., '07. 399—Thomas McKee. 400—Elgin Belyea, 12th Aug., '07. 402—Albert H Wagle, 19th Jan., '08; Geo J Thomas, 22nd Jan., '08; C M Caughill, 9th March, '08. 403—Donald S Frazer, 27th July, '07; Thos E Crocker, 14th March, '08; A W Davidson, 16th March, '08. 404—Geo R Monds, 7th June, '08. 410—John D Cholwill, 25th Oct., '07; Fred'k J Boswell, 14th Jan., '08; Wm C Adams, 31st May, '08. 411—Thos W Kirkpatrick, 17th Sept., '06; Chas A Brown, 23rd May, '06. 412—Joseph F Bartlett, 1st July, '07; Dundan Bole,

31st August, '07; Wm Turner, 9th March, '08; Chas Anderson, 6th March, '08.
 414—Joseph Dargue, 20th Nov., '07. 415—Robt L Pinkerton, 19th July, '07.
 416—Chas T Giles, 3rd Sept., '07; P Wellington, 3rd Jan., '08. 419—Thos Gold,
 8th July, '07; Jas E Young, 15th Nov., '07. 422—Stephen Mallory, '08. 423—A
 E French, 16th March, '08. 424—Geo Kerr, 12th April, '08. 425—Henry Ros-
 buck, 24th August, '07; Alex Meyers, 19th Nov., '07; John B Gibson, 13th
 Jan., '08. 426—Clark Henderson, 20th Sept., '07; F C Miller, 23rd May, '08.
 427—Virgil McNairney, 1st March, '08. 435—Wm J Stewart, 19th Oct, '07.
 437—Charles Nelson, 30th Sept., '07; Thuerin F Hannah, 21st Jan., '08. 440—
 Simon E Lott, 1st Jan., '08. 442—Thomas Flesher, 25th August, '07. 444—
 John D Shipley, Tilden Bonner. 445—Jacob Hose, 11th July, '07. 447—Thos
 G S McAmmond, 27th Jan., '08; Alex Hamilton, 9th May, '08; 452—Nelson
 Brude, 15th Sept., '07. 456—Thos Fullerton, 3rd June, '08. 460—John Hudson,
 9th April, '08. 466—Thos Mathewson, 2nd Sept., '07. 469—Wm S Craig, 10th
 April, '08. 474—Samuel Jewett, 10th March, '08. 475—Hugh Murray, 28th
 Nov., '07. 481—Wilbur G Jones, 18th Nov., '07. 482—Stephen L Golding, 1st
 Feb., '08. 483—James Wallis, 19th Aug., '07. King Ed. U D—Sylvester C
 Zimmerman, 2nd April, '08.

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 John A Cook, Jas A Creighton, 7—Wm Francis Beggar, 10—Jas A Hook,
 Wm R Dawson, 11—Jas H. Hill, Chas Harrison, 15—Wm R Rawlings, 17—
 Thos A Pratt, 20—Jos H Marshall, Arnold Swazie, John Jennings, F G
 Rumball, 24—Esley H Tallman, Darius Alport, 26—Walter J Walker, 28—
 Tertius Woolcott Barnes, 31—Rd H Bunt, Levi A W Tole, John Hy Pierce,
 33—Allan McDonald, 34—John H C Atkinson, Judson H Patton, 37—John
 McDonald, Alex Carter, Gus E Harris, 38—Lewis Abbott Jr, Charles Foster,
 40—Daniel Carr, Wm H Childs, G W Plastow, A M Cuthbertson, J D Evans,
 41—Daniel Ryall, Alex Bonney, M J Patton, E A McLeod, 44—Albert Gib-
 son, 45—C P Coles, A E Mann, 46—W E C Workman, 47—W A Shuell, A
 J Shuell, Chas McConnell, J B Clark, M J Clancy, 52—Robert John John-
 ston, 57—Henry Rolston, David Greenhill, 58—Jacob Ernst, 61—George G
 Anderson, Samuel Minnes, Frank Rowlin, 64—Campbell L Mackay, 66—
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 103—Peter Secord, 104—Wm H Miller, Samuel B McCay, 105—Frank J
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 ber, 114—Edward Bowen, 115—H F Konkle, 119—Jas J Johnson, 121—
 Ralph B Gilman, T C Boulee, John L Richmond, 125—Robt J Craig, 136—
 Alfred H Ruddle, 127—Wm C W Burns, 135—Peter S Morse, 142—Thos J
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 vevain, 154—Wm McLeod, 156—Fred E Mulholland, John Cudnor, James
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 James Ontt, Wm J McCormack, 323—Harry Liddon, 324—Rev E M Bland,
 R T Laneffield, 326—W A Bervick, Hugh W Graham, 329—Wm E Arm-
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 Hill, 343—Wm H Smith, 352—Chas L White, 360—Isaac Clark, F W Mus-
 sen, Wm Speers, F Daniels, 371—Wm G Gray, 372—John L Ghirton, 379—
 Geo Cheney, 380—Moses Dimmick, Ed Gardiner, 382—Alfred V Williams,
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 Schram, John Ferguson, John A Cairns, 406—Peter S Ferguson, 409—Jas
 Anderson, John C Rooney, 414—Alex McQuarrie, Malcolm McQuarrie, 415
 C H McLennan, 420—Wm Hedlandale, A Dunn, Jas McKenna, 423—Fin-
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Most Worshipful Brother

HUGH MURRAY

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand
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Province of Ontario.

Died 28th November, 1907.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

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Honorary Past Grand Master of the
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Province of Ontario.

Died 11th March, 1908.

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Right Worshipful Brother

ALLEN McLEAN

Past Grand Senior Warden and a member of Miuden Lodge
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Died 13th May, 1908.

Right Worshipful Brother

JAMES BAIN

Past Grand Senior Warden and a member of St. Andrew's
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Died 18th May, 1908.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN MENISH

Past District Deputy Grand Master of St. Lawrence Dis-
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Died 12th August, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

RICHARD DINNIS

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West Dis-
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Died 14th October, 1907.

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Died 10th September, 1907.

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Past Grand Chaplain and a member of Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew.

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" A. C. Boraback.....	North Bay.....	Nipissing	" 18
" J. H. Metcalfe.....	Emsdale.....	Muskoka	" 19
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V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone.....	Chili.....	Bro. S. W. Hendrie.....	Lauradio.....	Rio de Janeiro
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait.....	The Island of Cuba.....	Jose L. Vidaurreta.....	Edward Poirier, (asst) Casilla,	
R. W. Bro. W. G. Fakins, M.A., Toronto	Greece.....	Jose L. Vidaurreta.....	924.....	Valparaiso
R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, M.D., Toronto	Hungary.....	Bro. Ettore Ferrale.....	Carlos G. Charles.....	Havana
R. W. Bro. R. Radcliffe.....	Italy.....	Bro. Louis Goepl.....	S. Stevenson.....	Athens
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	Mexico.....	Bro. T. A. O. DeRidder.....	Dr. Alex. Fraenkel, Budapest	
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	The Netherlands.....	Bro. J. M. Samper Anglano.....	A. Cefaley.....	Castellaze-Rome
	New Grenada.....	Bro. Eduardo Lavergue.....	J. Isabree Moens, Rotterdam	
	Porto Rico.....	Bro. Jos C. D'Almeida.....	Manuel J. Cacores.....	Lima
	Portugal.....	Bro. Charles Gerster.....	Frederico Yumet, San Juan	
	St. Domingo.....		Jose Victorine Damaskiheiro	
	Switzerland.....		Dr. Ad. Streuli, 14 Neuchon-	
	Uruguay.....	Bro. Belleario Courado.....	strasse.....	Neuchon-
			Jose De La Hanta MonteVideo	Zurich

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Appendix to Proceedings of 1908.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following review of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings which have been received. We have endeavored to lay before the brethren a concise account of the most notable events of other jurisdictions, with numerous extracts from the best addresses of Grand Masters and reports of committees.

In our review of 1907 we gave a short account of the Order of the Illuminati, founded by Dr. Adam Weishaupt, in Bavaria, about the year 1776. To all those who were interested in this account a short description of its successor, the Order of the Carbonari, will no doubt commend itself.

While there is no doubt that societies of the same name existed in Europe in the eighteenth century, the Carbonari proper first came into prominence about the year 1908.

The Carbonari (Italian, *Carbonaro*, Charcoal maker) had no direct connection with Masonry, but a large number of its forms were borrowed from that source. It was in Italy, towards the close of the Napoleonic wars, that this society first began to assume importance. In 1808 the Republicans, disgusted alike with the Bourbons and Napoleonists, retired to the mountain resorts of the Abruzzi and Calabria. In this latter region charcoal burning was the chief industry of the poorer classes, and these Republicans, forming themselves into a secret society, borrowed their phraseology in numerous instances. Thus a lodge was called a baracca (or hut). an

ordinary meeting a vendita (or sale), while an important meeting was alta vendita, all well known terms in charcoal burning industry. The Carbonari were Christian, but anti-Papal, and borrowed their rites from the religion; thus Christ the Lamb, as the victim of tyrants put to death by the wolf, gave them their watchword. There were four grades of the Carbonari, with Alta Vendita at Naples and Salerno. These two latter lodges tried to exercise authority over the rest, but failed in their efforts.

Coaxed to join the Bourbons, the Carbonari were driven back to their mountain fastnesses by King Murat and their leader, Capobianco, was treacherously betrayed and put to death. A few years later they helped to overthrow the French power in Naples, but Ferdinand, who was once in power, proved false to them and refused them permission to establish their lodges in Naples, as they had previously done in Sicily under English supremacy. Enraged at this treachery, they conspired against the Bourbon Government, and rapidly formed lodges all over Italy. They were the prime movers in several rebellions that took place about this time. The Neapolitan revolution of 1820, the disturbances in the Papal States the same year, and the Piedmontese revolution in 1821 can all be traced to them. Originally composed of members of the lower classes, about this time they obtained thousands of recruits from all classes of society. Army officers, students, artists, and even priests flocked to their standards and their numbers are said to have reached 700,000. So strong did they become that at last Austria became alarmed and the military power of this nation was called in to crush them. Though still remaining active until 1821, they never fully recovered from this set-back, and most of their numbers were swallowed up by the society of "Young Italy," founded by Mazzini.

In 1820 the Carbonari took root in France, where the organization was much more perfect. A Supreme Council, presided over by the great Lafayette, and a complete hierarchy of societies, by which the will of the Chief was handed on from the highest to the most remote lodge. Attempting to raise an insurrection in 1821 at Belfort, La Rochelle, and other places, they were promptly suppressed and suffered terribly, but owing to the wonderful fidelity of the members only those immediately connected

with the revolution could be punished. The Carbonari still continued to take an active part in all revolutionary matters till 1831, when, after helping in the July revolution of that year, the majority of its members associated themselves with the government of Louis Philippe. Dating from this time the society became practically extinct.

ALABAMA.

87th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1907.

Benjamin M. Jacobs, G. M.

Progress marks the history of the Craft in Alabama; eighteen new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The request for recognition of the Grand Orient of Greece was respectfully declined.

An extra assessment of \$1.00 per member was authorized in aid of the proposed Masonic Home Fund.

The following report was adopted:

Be it resolved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, that the following questions be propounded to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, for a ruling upon each of the following questions:

First: What relation does a subordinate lodge hold with one of its members, who has been expelled as a sojourner by another lodge; in other words, does a member stand as expelled in his own lodge without any action on his part? If action is required, what?

Second: Has a Master Mason the right, and is it his province to try or examine another and vouch for him on his own responsibility and discretion?

Third: What is strict trial? What is due examination? If there is a distinction, define it.

Be given leave to answer as follows:

(1) The lodge which has jurisdiction tries sojourner, and if expelled notifies lodge of his membership.

(2) If the avouchment is for admission to lodge, no; if for any other purpose, yes. We don't know which he means.

(3) Attend all Masonic conferences, and he will learn of some of the differences.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Wm. Y. Titcomb.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive due attention, extracts are given from the address of G. M. Burritt, and the remark is made that "his exalted position was certainly no sinecure."

In explanation we have to say that our law as to

honorary membership was altered after Bro. Sutherland received that distinction.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama from its organization in 1821 to 1839 inclusive. These proceedings are very interesting.

Hugh S. D. Malloy (Selma), G. M.

Geo. A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G. S.

ALBERTA.

2nd Communication, Macleod, February 20, 1907.

O. W. Kealy, G. M.

We find that the increase in membership and in new lodges now working under dispensation justifies their existence as a Grand Lodge, and that Masonry is keeping pace with the marvellous growth of the Province.

The death of M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, P. G. M. Manitoba, is mentioned with deep regret.

On the subject of church parades the G. M. is in accord with views that we have previously expressed on numerous occasions.

I signed ten dispensations to lodges permitting them to attend divine services Masonically clothed, in compliance with the usual custom in such cases. It puzzles me to understand what the object is for these parades. As Masons we acknowledge the existence of God, but the attendance at a place of worship implies that Masons go further. I very much fear that these "attendances at divine worship" would amount to very little if the parade was not made a part of it, and even went to his own place of worship (should he have one). We have amongst our members Jews and Unitarians, possibly those who believe in but one person of the Holy Trinity, and why ask them to go through what to them is a farce? Why compel a Catholic to go to a place of public worship in which he has nothing in common, and even with a Methodist, or any other of the many divisions of religion? If there was one place of public worship where Masons could honestly go and as honestly say they were united in a common worship, well and good; but so long as our lodges are the only places in which we can unitedly say that there is a God "before whom we should all with reverence most humbly bow," and in which we are actually united in the bonds of fellowship and love, so long should we keep from these parades, in which we pretend a unity which does not actually exist. If we must parade to a church, let us not let us cut out any one; let us take the synagogue, Roman Catholic church, or any other place of worship (not forgetting the Unitarians), each in its turn, and show the universality of Masonry.

The G. M. made numerous visits and finds the Craft in good condition.

He favors the incorporation of lodges, with which we do not agree.

Five new lodges received dispensation.

The Grand Secretary reports that recognition has been accorded by twenty Grand Lodges.

A resolution in favor of dual membership was voted down, also that the ordinary business of the lodge should be conducted in the First Degree. This latter action was evidently in favor of the lodges using the American work, and it seems to us that the existence of two different systems of work in the same jurisdiction will likely cause trouble in the future.

The following resolution was adopted:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. W. F. Lent (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9): That a Special Committee be appointed to further the scheme of the Masonic Home and School by systematically bringing the matter before each lodge in the district.

Lodges, 19; members, 1,496; increase. 272.

Hedley C. Taylor (Edmonton), G. M.

Dr. G. Macdonald (Calgary), G. S.

ARIZONA.

26th Communication, Morenci, November 19, 1907.

Herbert Brown, G. M.

The Grand Master, in his address, has this to say on the condition of the Craft:

I am, brethren, pleased to report favorably on the lodges within this jurisdiction. They are, as far as my information goes, in a thrifty and prosperous condition. Notwithstanding that the hand of death has borne heavily upon us, the gain in numbers far more than balances the losses. At the close of our last Masonic year, 1906, we had on the roll 1,394. This year we have on the rolls 1,535, showing a net gain of 141. The losses and gains were made up as here given. Initiated 169, passed 150, raised 150, affiliated 44, restored 5. From these must be deducted the following losses: Dismitted 28, deaths 25, rejected 29, expelled 1, leaving the total net gain of 141 as above given.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Orient of Greece were recognized.

Our ancient brethren used to meet in the highest hills or, lowest vales. Arizona has gone deeper still into the mysteries and this communication was held in the bowels

of the earth, in the stope of a mine generously provided and arranged at considerable expense by the Detroit Copper Mining Company, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was extended. It does not appear from the records that any serious consequences ensued.

We earnestly hope that their travels in a future state may be in an entirely opposite direction.

No report on Correspondence.

Cyrus Grant Jones, G. M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

65th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 19, 1907.

Jacob Trieber, G. M.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master has the following to say on the condition of the Craft:

The growth of our membership, as will be shown from the report of the Grand Secretary, while not exceedingly great, has been healthy. It is a pleasure to be able to report to you that our lodges are careful in the selection of new material, and that they realize that Masonry is more interested in quality than quantity. With hardly an exception peace and prosperity reign everywhere.

Five new lodges were opened.

The fund for their Orphans' Home is rapidly increasing, and they hope to let the contract for the erection of the building in the near future.

The surplus received back from the California Relief Fund was devoted to the Orphans' Home Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Orphans' Home at Batesville is to cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

There is no report on correspondence, but a committee has been appointed and a report is promised for next year.

From the eloquent address of the Grand Orator we quote part of the conclusion:

I have said that this grand institution is not a church and can not take its place, but it is founded upon that principle of Divine love that gives us the church and causes mankind to love his neighbor as himself. This does not mean that emotional love that emanates from the hearts of mankind, for such love is not constant. It is unselfish for a few brief spans, that it varies like the changes of the inconstant moon, dies and falls like the petals of the withering rose. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" has made the welkin ring with its constant chime throughout all ages. It means nothing more than that we are to treat our fellow-being with that steadfast

kindness due from one creature to another. It means that we are to show mercy and do alms-deed in our everyday life. It is this love of mankind that caused Him to give His only begotten son. It is this love that caused the good Samaritan to show mercy to him who on his way to Jericho fell among a den of thieves. It is this love that follows the trials of poor depraved man onward and downward to the vortex of sin and brings him back to the zenith of glory. It is this love that overshadowed the myth of the "Sacred Bulls" and dispelled the worship of Osiris and Ra, of Mentu and Altu. It is this love that will bring all nations together and cause them to speak in one tongue. It is this love that is melting religious differences and all the world shall worship the God of Love whose realm means perfection.

M. W. Geeson (Prescott), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

36th Communication, Vancouver, June 20, 1907.

James H. Schofield, G. M.

Prosperity is general throughout the length and breadth of the Province, and this has been a year of progress in Freemasonry.

A new lodge was opened at Arrowhead.

On one of his official visits the Grand Master says:

On this occasion it was my very pleasant duty to present to Bro. Govett, of Kootenay Lodge, a locket which had been subscribed for by the passengers of a train on which he was the engineer, when he, by the strict performance of duty, in the presence of imminent danger, doubtless saved the lives of a great number.

It was decided that Grand Lodge had power to establish a lodge in the Yukon Territory, that territory being unoccupied by any exclusive Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence is again by our old friend, Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, and is compiled with his usual acumen and painstaking accuracy. His exclusive knowledge of matters Masonic enables him to present an excellent and very readable report.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive a very favorable notice. We quote one paragraph, as follows:

As is always the case in the Grand Lodge of Canada, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are most thorough, and evidence a most careful supervision of the Craft by these officers. With scarcely an exception they found the lodges flourishing and doing good work.

F. Bowser (Vancouver), G. M.

R. E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

58th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 8. 1907.

Edward H. Hart, C. M.

From the very eloquent address of the Grand Master we make the following extract:

The best things of this world, it has been said, are the things that lie nearest—light in our eyes, breath in our nostrils, violets at our feet—Masonry is proud of its past, of its deeds, its devotion to humanity, to liberty and to truth; but Masonry does not exist upon the past, it lives to-day, it exalts the present, it means development. It builds up, it does not tear down; it conserves, it does not destroy; it raises and supports, it does not condemn or consign; it brings its candidate from darkness to light, it says to him: "let not him that seeketh cease from his search until he find." Masonry is as a seed which grows not as a diamond cut and fixed, it does not profess infallibility, nor even to be a system of perfected truth, it is a search for truth; it is tolerant, it sees a soul of goodness in things evil, a soul of truth in things erroneous, it holds that if perfected truth were offered in one hand and the search for truth in the other, it would be the higher course to choose the truth; it holds of itself, as of nature, that there is no life without growth, and that as the plant must either grow or die, so must Masonry, in its principles and teachings and purposes, either broaden and deepen, or perish. The to-day of Masonry is the greatest of all the days which have gone before, the greatest in the scope of its beneficences, richest in the quality of its brotherhood, broadest in its ever widening circle of human consideration and kindness, and more vital in its potentiality and growth.

After reciting the closing up steps of the Earthquake Relief Fund the Grand Master proceeds as follows:

Thus is closed in Masonic history the greatest episode of its kind that has occurred in the centuries of the existence of Freemasonry; it has reflected honor, and only honor upon the Craft, and has placed a living crown of light upon the teachings and professions of our Fraternity. Man's hand is powerless against nature's resistless sway, and it was in consequence thereof, our unhappy fate to raise perforce the signal of distress, to cry help for the Widow's Son; the cry was heard, and Masonic precepts burst with splendor into life; overflowing bounty poured forth upon us, and while the offerings of love from the entire world were spontaneous and free, uninfluenced by any consideration as to how our Masonic duties might in times past have been discharged, yet there is to us a measure of compensation in the records made by our Boards of Relief since the system was established by the Grand Lodge some fifty years ago; for direct appropriations from the Grand Lodge for their support, amounting to more than \$300,000, have been made, every dollar of which has been devoted to the relief of distressed sojourning brethren, their widows and orphans from other jurisdictions, and no fraction

of this has been returned, and this amount has been very largely increased through the per capita assessments contributed monthly by the lodges tributary to the several Boards. Our capable Grand Secretary informs us that after careful investigation he has found that, owing, no doubt, to our geographical position and benign climate, California's expenditures of this character have been, not only more than similar expenditures of any other American jurisdiction, but possibly nearly as large as all others combined. This work has truly been a work of love, no sordid thought has ever cast a darkling shadow, the only consideration has been a high and worthy purpose to exemplify Masonic truths, yet when our hour of tribulation came, which chilled our hearts with distress and trial, and when warmth and gladness came to us from the generous glow of sympathetic love of our brethren throughout the world, we took comfort in the reflection that it also had been at times past our priceless privilege to extend to others the helping hand.

During an extensive tour of visitation the Grand Master travelled 25,000 miles (5,000 of these by sea). He visited every district and a large majority of the lodges. At one of the lodges he witnessed the initiation of a father and his four sons.

The usual routine business was transacted.

No report on Correspondence.

George M. Perine (San Francisco), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

47th Communication, Denver, September 17th, 1907.

Arthur E. Jones, G. M.

The Grand Master reports prosperity, peace and harmony all along the line. He granted dispensations for five new lodges.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf reports on Correspondence, devoting three pages to our Proceedings of 1906. We copy part of his excellent conclusion:

First, let us dwell for a moment upon our Symbolism. Few of our brethren fully realize the grandeur and significance of this inheritance and possession of the Craft, which is the most exalted and inspiring that has ever engaged the thought of man. Other builds and crafts have risen and flourished for a time, with initiatory ceremonies whose phraseology was connected with their handicrafts, but none other save the building art could have furnished such a wealth of terms capable of moral application and in harmony with our conception of the creative work of the universe. The symbolism of

Masonry thus stands pre-eminent above all other. It has foundation in truth, and is, therefore, eternal and unchangeable. It is a priceless heritage from the fathers who chose The Builder for its ideal and The Temple of Living Stones for its work and the aspiration of human endeavor. Despite the contention of some Masonic writers, and even members of the gUILD, we believe that the speculative era of Masonry actually dates by many centuries the formation of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717.

The tradition that our ancient brethren wrought in both operative and speculative Masonry is no myth and is susceptible of proof did time permit. Their connection with the operative art and familiarity with the tools and implements employed in construction, favored the transition to speculation, contemplation, and they the more readily grasped the significance of the symbolism and its adaptability to the end in view, namely, the upbuilding of the Inner Temple by the square and compass, the virtue and the plumb-line of rectitude.

If, as asserted, Masonry before 1717 was strictly operative in its character, why the concern and solicitude over the conduct of its members? Even the Apprentice who visited town at night must be accompanied by a fellow to bear testimony that he was in honest company, etc. Surely mere operative conditions required no such surveillance and maintenance of moral standards. There must have been other reasons, was it not in the underlying speculative element which was intimately connected with the operative art.

Joseph A. Davis (Boulder), G. M.
Charles H. Davidson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

120th Communication, Hartford, January 15, 1908.
Andrew J. Hallock, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is carefully prepared and brings out all matters that came before him to clear relief.

He briefly reviews the reports of his District Deputies and commends them for their loyal assistance.

The Craft is in a prosperous condition.

The Grand Master made numerous official visits and was everywhere welcomed and reports the work well done.

He, however, sounds a note of warning, as seen by the following:

From reports received, and from observation, we learn that some lodges do not rehearse the lectures in their entirety; that the several lodges for the benefit of the candidate; that often he is told that the same are monitory, etc. This we feel to be entirely wrong. There is no part of our work that you my brethren, officers of lodges, have any right to eliminate. It is all essential and should be carefully considered.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find that their membership now amounts to 21,410, a gain of 658 for the past year.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

We learn with regret of the illness of their Secretary, Bro. John S. Barlow, and trust this may not be of long duration.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1907.

Edward E. Fuller (Tolland), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

Quarterly Communication, San Jose, Nov. 30, 1906.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported as follows :

1. That the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland be deferred.

2. That further information be obtained with regard to the so-called Grand Lodge of Los Angeles.

3. That official relations be entered into with the Grand Orient of Italy and that an exchange of representatives be effected.

That recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hayti be held over.

That official relations be established and an exchange of representatives be effected with the Grand Lodges of Greece, Hungary, Prussia and Egypt ; with the Grand Orient of Brazil and Portugal, and with the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic, all of which was approved.

Annual Communication, San Jose, Jan. 25, 1907.

The following paragraph from the address of the Grand Master-elect will give some idea of the state of the Craft in this jurisdiction :

In response to your desires, and relying on your support and good wishes, I, for the second time, enter on the discharge of my obligations as your Grand Master, a position of great honor, but also one beset with many difficulties.

Indeed, at the outset, I find the affairs of the Craft in a precarious state. One lodge is suspended, others are working under unfavorable conditions, lack of enthusiasm and want of vitality are prevalent.

As you are well aware, brethren, I had desired to avoid my election to office, but Don Adrian Collado, the eminent brother whom we have honored with our suffrages, has been precluded by undeniably good reasons from accepting the position, and Bro. Piza's absence has deprived us of the opportunity of electing him as our leader ; moreover, further delay would be fraught with danger to the pressing interests of the Craft, and therefore I have been constrained to assent to my nomination.

While, therefore, it is to be regretted that Grand Lodge is called upon to continue its labors without the administrative assistance of these distinguished brethren, it only remains for each of us to show increasing perseverance in our endeavors to carry on the good work.

We are not alone in being called upon to meet periods of depression and discouragement; let us but meet our time of adversity with courage and determination, and we shall surely see our troubles disappear. For the immediate present we cannot better employ our energies than by concentrating our efforts on obtaining the fulfilment of our cherished scheme of providing the Craft with a temple worthy of our traditions.

It is much to be regretted that the enforced absence of the outgoing Grand Master has deprived us of the usual annual address, the want of which will cause a lamentable hiatus in the report of our proceedings. I trust the brethren will accept this intimation of my excuses on his behalf, and I am sure that you unite with me in my expressions of appreciation and esteem for our worthy brother.

Lodges, 8; members, 206; decrease, 3.

Tomas Povedano (San Jose), G. M.

Diego Povedano (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, Havana, March 24, 1907.

Jose F. Pellon, G. M.

The Proceedings are in Spanish, but the address of the Grand Master is also given in English.

A new lodge was established in Artemisa, five others were revived, and four surrendered their charters.

We quote as follows:

Material peace reigns in Cuba. Let us thank the G. A. O. T. U. for it and fervently pray Him to endow all Cubans with that spirit of justice and sentiments of love necessary to establish also moral peace.

When the Grand Lodge met last September in its quarterly communication, our country was deeply disturbed and there were no hopes of overcoming the sad situation in which it was placed, notwithstanding the efforts of some good willed men, pledged in the work of re-establishing harmony and peace. Among these men were the members of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, represented by a committee accorded by you at a special communication called for that purpose, a committee which our W. Bro. Dionisio Peon presided and that made great efforts to accomplish his fraternal task.

If success did not crown their generous intent and it became necessary for the powerful Republic from Washington to impose peace in order to quiet the upraised men in arms, the philanthropic mission that the members of the Grand Lodge of Cuba imposed upon themselves, in compliance with their Masonic duties, was not the less commendable.

We, members of the Grand Lodge, must be satisfied, and if on that occasion the fraternal call was unheeded, on account of the excited and misguided passions then prevailing, let us continue to accomplish the noble work exacted from us by our obligations, that of controlling our passions so as to never contribute either directly or indirectly to the disturbance of public peace or encourage discord in Cuba.

There is a report on Correspondence also in Spanish, in which our Proceedings for 1906 are reviewed.

Fernando Figueredo (Velado), G. M.

Carlos G. Charles (Habana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

102nd Annual Communication, Wilmington, October 2nd, 1907.

Robert K. Stephenson, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and was much impressed with the work.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Fraternal relations were renewed with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Their Grand Secretary, Bro. B. F. Bartram, died on the opening day of the session, and a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable memorial resolution. Bro. Bartram was Grand Secretary since 1892. He had also been Secretary of the Board of Public Education of Wilmington for eleven years. He was much respected and his loss will be deeply regretted.

Bro. L. H. Jackson reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Thomas J. Day (Wilmington), G. M.

Virginus V. Harrison (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The corner stone of their new Masonic Temple was laid on June 8th, with elaborate ceremony. Bro. Theodore Roosevelt delivered a stirring address. According to the description given the new building will be a most imposing structure.

At a special communication, held on September 28th, the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Chile were recognized, but action on the Grand Lodge of Paraguay was deferred for further information.

On the report of a Special Committee the following regulation was made in regard to the admission of visitors:

Resolved, That hereafter no lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from any lodge outside of this jurisdiction, unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall have personally vouched for the visitor as a Master Mason, and also vouched for his good standing; or unless the visitor, after strict examination, shall have proven himself to be a Master Mason.

Provided, that no such visitor shall be examined until he furnishes to the Master of the lodge, or to the committee on examination appointed by him, some documentary evidence, such as a diploma, certificate under seal of the lodge, receipt for dues under seal of the lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, or written endorsement by a Grand Master, showing that he was in good standing within twelve months of the date on which he presents himself for examination, or his credibility is vouched for by a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge in which he is to be examined.

And provided further, that in every instance in which a visitor offers the voucher of a Master Mason as to his credibility in lieu of the production of documentary evidence of his good standing, the question of the acceptance of such voucher shall be determined by the Master of the lodge before the examination of the visitor is proceeded with.

And provided further, that a brother hailing from a jurisdiction which has adopted a card, certificate, or other special document, shall be required to produce such card, certificate, or other special document before being examined.

The surplus returned from the California Relief Fund was donated to the Home.

97th Communication, Washington, Dec. 18, 1907.

Francis J. Woodman, G. M.

The following extract from the address of the Grand Master gives a good idea of the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction:

According to the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have, accompanied by the other officers of the Grand Lodge, made a visitation to each of the twenty-seven lodges within this jurisdiction, and it gives me most unalloyed pleasure to testify here to the general prosperity that was exhibited in the reports at these visitations. The receptions of the grand officers by the Masters and brethren of the lodges was most cordial and courteous, and the programs submitted for our entertainment were of a high order and exceedingly entertaining. The visitation to Naval Lodge, No. 4, was, perhaps, the most noteworthy. The brethren had but recently had their beautiful lodge room frescoed, and they had for the orator of the evening Bro. Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States, which with the other entertainment, was in a measure responsible for the large and enthusiastic attendance.

The report of the Grand Secretary as to the amount of work done by the lodges this year is very gratifying. Twenty-five of the twenty-seven lodges show a net gain, running from three to thirty-nine, and two lodges show a net loss amounting

to four. The total membership of the jurisdiction at the close of the year, September 30th, 1906, was 7,999. During the year 534 were initiated, 564 passed, 541 raised, 75 affiliated, and 61 reinstated, making the total gain 677. There were 75 withdrawals, 148 deaths, 89 dropped for non-payment of dues, and one suspended U. M. C., making a total membership on September 30, 1907, 8,363, a net gain of 364 for the year. That the lodges have guarded their doors against undesirable and unworthy persons is evidenced by the fact that there were 39 rejections.

The report of the Grand Secretary also shows that the lodges, as a rule, are in a splendid financial condition. The balance of cash in hand September 30, 1906, was \$29,183.04; received during the year, \$75,192.05; making a total to be accounted for of \$104,375.09. There was expended during the year \$66,971.93, leaving a balance on hand September 30, 1907, of \$37,403.16, an increase in cash over last year of \$8,220.12. The amount expended for relief was \$8,357.02, which is \$799.86 in excess of that expended last year. There has been an increase in assets of \$17,957.03. This splendid financial showing, coupled with the fact that perfect peace, harmony, and good fellowship have everywhere prevailed, is, I am sure, very gratifying to us all.

Through the instrumentality of one of their members they were able to discover the last resting place of the remains of the first Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, Bro. Valentine Reintzell, who died in 1817. The remains were discovered in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in Georgetown and were removed to and interred in Glenwood Cemetery in the Masonic Circle, November 5th.

In consequence of the expense incurred in connection with the maintenance of the new building, proposals were made for an increase in the fees. This amendment is to be acted upon at the May Communication.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George W. Baird.

Canada for 1906 receives very careful attention. We quote as follows:

The Grand Master was influential in preventing the word "Masonic" being embodied in a bill before parliament, which had for its purpose an insurance company. The Grand Master is opposed to the introduction of the word "Masonic" in any business enterprise, and he had courage enough to oppose it openly and voluntarily.

The Grand Master earnestly deprecated "canvassing for office" in the Grand Lodge.

The money spent in charity is, as usual, enormous.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Robertson. In his introduction he compares the Freemasons of France

with the Order of the Illuminati, which was founded in Bavaria in 1776. We beg leave to invite his attention to our essay under the caption of Quebec of his report, and our report on Belgium for 1905. We feel sure that the Freemasons of France are persecuted by the Papal Church, and that those Masons are not by any means the aggressors. It is well known that all Masons have been excommunicated by the Church of Rome. Now read the ritual of excommunication and you will see that its awful curses and imprecations are too horrible for even a decent pagan to utter. The conflict in France is between the people and the church; that is all. The French people think they have rights the church should respect; nothing more.

From his review of Chile we have the following interesting information:

There appear to be 10 lodges. The highest number is 34, indicating that 24 lodges have ceased to exist.

The seat of the Grand Lodge was formerly at Valparaiso (the Vale of Paradise), but since that city was destroyed by earthquake and fire the Grand Lodge has been moved to Santiago, the capital.

The Craft is in a state of unrest. The priests were persecuting the Craft and the public schools endowed by Blas Cuervas when we first saw Chile in 1872. The laws of the republic do not permit the order to own property there, but the "club central" is owned by the members of the club and the lodges meet in that club house. It has a handsome marble structure of classic architecture. The club rooms were the best in Valparaiso.

About 10 years ago a number of Germans in the lodges essayed to substitute the book of constitutions for the Great Light, and for a very brief period succeeded, but a number of the natives, headed by the English and Scotch members, succeeded in defeating this innovation and replaced the Great Light. But the acrimony has not ended. Added to this came the earthquake and holocaust, which was more severe than that in San Francisco. Against all this the loyal Masons, headed by the zealous Buenaventura Cadiz, have bravely held together. But many of the weaker ones have dropped out, and, it is said, Senor Cadiz died of a broken heart.

The temple was destroyed, with the city, August 16, 1906. The fire continued for days, and the suffering was intense. Chile is a strip of land about 2,000 miles long north and south, and has an average width of less than 130 miles. On one side it is bounded by the Pacific ocean and on the other by the sterile Andes. In this isolated territory the brethren of the mystic tie suffered with the elite, the padres, and the peons.

The officers of the Grand Lodge are Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Warden (Premier Celador), Junior Grand Warden, Orator, Secretary General, Adjutant General, and Treasurer. Excepting the Grand Master (V. G. Ewing) all the names are Spanish.

The principal communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Santiago on October 24, 1906. There were 12 lodges repre-

sented. The business was on constitutional matters, changes, substitutions, etc., on which subjects the discussions were earnest.

The brethren in Chile have had a struggle for existence from the time of the origin of Masonry in 1862. When the writer was in that country in 1872-73 the members of the order were of the most respected men in the republic. The constitution of Chile closely resembles that of the United States, but it differs in one essential, i. e., they require a property qualification to make a voter eligible.

Bro. Baird wields a facile pen, and his report is exceedingly interesting, but we have only room for the following, which we take from his review of Quebec:

In the anti-Masonic congress which convened at Trent as late as 1896 it was officially stated that the congress was "called together with the concurrence and favor of Pope Leo XIII., who, in a special brief, bestowed his benediction and approval on its aims and purposes; twenty-two influential cardinals, over 200 bishops, the most important clerical associations, the whole of the clerical press, and over 500 ecclesiastics, from the highest to the lowest, were present." * * *

"General and particular aim. To wage war on Masonry as an institution, on Masons as individuals, in all countries and places where the order exists; to wage war on Masonry as a body by collecting supposed documents and facts, assertions of perjured Masons as evidence, and thus bring to light, or rather coin by means of the press or social publications, all the misdeeds of the fatal institution, all the demoralizing influences it exercises, through obscene or sacrilegious rites, corruption, and occult conspiracies on man and civilization. to wage war on individual Masons by opposing them in every commerce, in their professional avocations, in all their endeavors to participate in public life, local or general; to cast them out—in one word, boycott them."

This is quoted literally from the proceedings of that congress, as we get it from the Grand Lodge of Italy. It cannot be claimed that this was intended for the Grand Orient of France alone. On the contrary, it is patent that it was intended as much for Quebec as for France. It preceded the separation of church and state in France. It preceded the trial and conviction of the Christian (?) Brothers in France for "crimes against nature practiced on their (boy) pupils." It is very clear to my mind that the aggression and the "demoralizing influence" is not in the Grand Orient of France, but is centered, where it has long been, in the church which is persecuting men because they are Freemasons.

In this anti-Masonic congress we find Leo Taxil figuring. It was soon after this that he was exposed in Paris. Taxil reported that Masons assembled in a cave under the Rock of Gibraltar, where there was a smithy, for the fashioning of tools for devil-worship. Then "Priest Schwartz, of Mertemblers, undertook to define the relations of the lodge to Christianity. By a series of authentic expressions of prominent Masons and quotations from Masonic works, he tried to prove that the so-

called humanistic principles which the lodge espouses was in reality the glorification of man in his purely human instead of Christian character. The lodge aims at making a man independent of God; it denies all revelation and opposes Christianity; it goes further, it denies the existence of a personal God. Its religious belief is Pantheistic, for it sees in the working of the forces of nature and in the government of its laws the highest manifestation of divine power. From Pantheism to atheism, and from atheism to satanism is but a logical sequence. And that atheism and satanism were actually practiced in the lodge the orator endeavored to prove by a number of utterances and quotations."

All this took place eleven years ago. I quote it not in defence of the Grand Orient of France, but in defence of the whole of the Craft.

Turn back to the letter, "Humanum Genus," by Pope Leo XIII., and you will see that it is not simply a denunciation of Freemasonry, but it alleges enormities and immoralities of the whole fraternity of Freemasons, without exception. And like other popes he clinches his invectives with a curse.

Turn back to the writings of Juan Antonio Llorente in his "Critical History of the Inquisition in Spain," derived from the original documents in the archives of the supreme tribunal of the Holy Office, from which came the statement of the number of victims butchered by Torquemada and his successors.

Llorente was ex-secretary of the inquisition of the court, canon of the Primitival Church of Toledo, chancellor of the university of that city, knight of the order of Charles III., and member of the Royal Academy of History.

Pope Leo, in his famous encyclical letter referred to, said:

"One is the Kingdom of God on earth, the true church of Jesus Christ * * * the other the Kingdom of Satan, * * * but at this time those who support the worst faction seem all to be conspiring most vigorously, led and aided by what is called Freemasonry, a society of men most widely spread and firmly established. For now in no way concealing their designs they are rousing themselves most boldly against the power of God * * *."

I beg leave to invite the attention of our readers to the scope of this calumny. That it does not refer any more to the Grand Orient of France than to other orients or Grand Lodges or any committee of Freemasons.

The entire encyclical is full of these invectives, but it is not necessary to multiply examples.

If the Chairman of Foreign Correspondence in Quebec or any other student, desires to educate himself further in this line he is offered these references:

Bull in Eminenti of Pope Clement XII., dated April 27, 1838; confirmed and renewed by that beginning Providas of Benedict XIV., May 17, 1751; the edict of Pius VII., in 1821; and the Apostolic edict, Quo Graviora, of Leo. XII., in 1825, with those of Pius VII. in 1829, Gregory XVI. in 1832, and Pius IX. in 1846, 1865, et seq.

The title of the bull in Eminenti of Clement XII. is "condemnatio societatis seu conventiculorum de liberi muratori

sue the Freemasons, under the penalty ipso facto incurred, of excommunication; absolution from it, except in articulo mortis, being reserved for the supreme pontiff."

We have been in France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Austria, England, and all the republics on the west side of South American. We have some personal knowledge of the attitude of the church toward Freemasonry in all of them, but we have never heard a word uttered in any of their lodges on the subject of politics or religion.

My recollection of the regard the French Masons had for Masonry is that they view it, as we do, as a "system of morals, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." We do not assume to save souls nor to give absolution. We avoid religious subjects, if for no other reason to prevent offending some brother who may have other and different views.

We notice with regret that Bro. Baird intends to resign from the corps.

Augustus B. Coolidge (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

A Special Grand Lodge was held November 6, 1906, at which a long discussion took place on the renovation and leasing of the Grand Lodge building. A resolution was carried referring the question to a committee with power to act.

Quarterly Communication, December 6, 1906.

A special committee of nine was elected by Grand Lodge to carry out the above recorded resolution.

Quarterly Communication, June 5, 1907.

Among the distinguished visitors we find in attendance M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, Past Grand Master of Canada.

The Board of General Purposes presented a report on the condition of affairs in Queensland, from which we quote the concluding paragraph:

The English District Grand Master of Queensland and his officers are brethren of tact and discretion, who may be trusted to forward any legitimate and proper means of bringing about harmony within the State, and the Board has no reason to doubt that the Irish and Scottish Masonic authorities are equally actuated by that fraternal feeling. In the hope that the support of this Grand Lodge to its District Grand Officers in their efforts to carry out the legitimate aspirations of the brethren on constitutional lines will aid materially in the attainment of that object, the Board submits the foregoing.

Quarterly Communication, December 4, 1907.

Upon a message from the Grand Master the following report was adopted:

The Grand Master may confer on Past Masters of London lodges, to the number of one for each lodge in the year 1908, and not exceeding one hundred and fifty in all in any one year thereafter, the right to wear during the Grand Master's pleasure, a distinctive jewel, collar and apron, with the designation of "London Rank." Such rank shall be equivalent to Provincial or District Grand Rank in Provincial or District Grand Lodges, and the provisions of Rule 96 shall apply to the holders of such London rank, so that they do not by such holding take any rank out of the London area as defined in Rule 153. They shall be, however, entitled to wear their jewels and clothing as holders of London rank in all Masonic meetings.

This, from the Mother Grand Lodge of England, which has always prided itself upon resisting all innovations, comes as rather a startling surprise. The recipients of this rank will presumably be named by the Grand Master upon the advice of other brethren. Then will be found in the same lodge brethren of equal meritorious Masonic rank and others of a fictitious rank. It seems to us that these distinctions had better be avoided and that the preservation of unity and concord is not likely to be furthered by such anomalous rank. The fee of honor for this "London Rank" was fixed at two guineas. This will bring in an addition to Grand Lodge funds of about twelve hundred pounds, but we can hardly imagine that this would be the underlying motive for the adoption of this resolution. The only other benefit we can see in the matter will accrue to the manufacturers of Masonic regalia.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

At a special meeting held January 20th, 1908, the following resolution was adopted:

That the report be referred back to the Special Committee, with an instruction to prepare a scheme, under which Freemasons' Hall and the banqueting hall of Freemasons' Tavern may be adapted, and, if necessary, enlarged, by utilizing such of the vacant land on the south and east sides as may be necessary, and used exclusively for the purposes of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, the dining clubs in connection therewith, and Grand Festival, the secretarial and clerical offices, library and committee rooms and the Masonic charity offices and festivals; and to report upon the best means of disposing of the remainder of the premises for commercial purposes, either with or without the license.

Quarterly Communication, March 4th, 1908.

The Special Committee appointed at the last quarterly meeting to see about the leasing of the Freemasons' Tavern, reported as follows :

Having thus exhausted the reference, nothing remains but for the committee to express its sincere regret and great disappointment at not being successful in solving the very difficult task which Grand Lodge did it the honor of confiding to it.

Your Committee has given some consideration to the idea of a Masonic Club being formed to occupy the Tavern premises and thus dispense with the license.

While agreeing that a small social club would have little chance of success, one with a very large number of members paying a small annual subscription would constitute a valuable addition to the Home of English Masonry in Great Queen street.

And after a long discussion the following resolution was adopted :

That it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to take immediate steps to put the Tavern premises in proper order at as small a cost as possible, and to act.

In regard to the admission of visitors we quote the following from the report of the Board :

Some complaints investigated by the Board during the past few months have shown that there are lodges where great laxity prevails with respect to the examination and admission of visitors, and it felt that Masters and Tylers cannot pay too strict a regard to the rules and requirements of the Order. Great care ought also to be exercised with respect to visitors from abroad, and none admitted unless hailing from jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, as shown in the calendar. The Board is making enquiries with respect to certain continental and other bodies, the result of which will appear in due time, but in the meantime it would state, in answer to numerous enquiries, that neither the Grand Orient of France nor the Grand Lodge of France is a Masonic body recognized, or entitled to recognition, by the Grand Lodge of England.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth (London), G. S.

FLORIDA.

79th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 21, 1908.

Elmer E. Haskell, G. M.

The Grand Master proved himself an efficient officer, and from his address we quote the following :

And now, dear brethren, the record of my official acts during the past year is opened before you and presented "as work for inspection."

For them I claim no special merit, earnest desire to so perform the duties which you elected me one year ago, as Brilliant achievement is not for every honest effort to do well that which is attained by the most humble. In the pe the exercise of judgment there is no than "He did his best," for that is the effort. The high honors and dignity c many attentions and courtesies extend versal respect, confidence and cordial every effort whenever and wherever it to meet the brethren in this jurisdiction source of inspiration and help and hav and relieved my official labors as Gran

I therefore take this opportunity to a appreciation of the many acts and ma cheerfully performed by all of the Gra brethren with whom I have had officia been bountifully blessed and prospered and peace and harmony prevails within there is much yet to do. We have no measure of our capacity for usefulness our brethren. We have not yet accom emblazoned upon our banners and taught monies. There is so much to do now, too late. Looking backward we may a ties for doing good wasted, and, like scattered, withering and dead. But y we but perceive its lesson and profit t

My brother, Masonry honors and sh cannot do this in its full measure unless the noble fraternity of which you claim benevolent societies, yea, all societies, in proportion as the individual perfect ideals and aims, so Freemasonry is b taining to the best that it teaches.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

The Grand Orient of Paraguay

The following resolution was ad

Resolved, That we fully recognize th Masons made in lodges of A. & A. S. R that is the dominant rite, and welcome visitation and affiliation under the usu the same as if made in lodges of our o

On the second day of the session the new Masonic Temple at Jackso most impressive ceremonies.

All the Grand Officers were re-el

The trustees of the proposed M mined not to proceed to erect the pr an endowment fund had been secured

dowment and maintenance, and a special committee was appointed to solicit further contributions. The sum on hand now amounts to about \$14,000.00.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907, Bro. Silas B. Wright compliments our District Deputies on their excellent work.

We quote part of his concluding remarks:

The effort by certain Correspondence writers to create an interest in Masonic circles in behalf of the Grand Lodge of France, is being pushed with but indifferent success. The resolutions pending before the Grand Lodge of Iowa upon this subject were indefinitely postponed and their author relegated to private life. The members of the Round Table who have been investigating the Grand Lodge of France are not yet satisfied that the Grand Lodge requires a positive declaration of belief in deity by their candidates.

Scottish Rite Grand Bodies.

Some of the Grand Lodges have gone so far as to recognize Grand Orients, while by far the larger number refuse to do so.

It is generally held that American Grand Lodges should not recognize and exchange representatives with any body other than a sovereign independent Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over symbolic degrees only.

The Grand Orients and Grand Lodges under the control of Scottish Rite Bodies are not such bodies, and should not be recognized. The Grand Lodge of Florida has declared such to be the rule here, and we think correctly so.

Grand Lodges formed by lodges originally chartered by the Scottish Rite Grand Bodies, in countries where only the Scottish Rite is worked, who have become absolutely independent, free from all control by the higher bodies, have been recognized by nearly all of the American Grand Lodges. Brothers Jenks, of Wisconsin, and Robins, of Illinois, still oppose such recognition, claiming that such lodges and Grand Lodges are clandestine.

Masonic International Office.

This organization is still striving to obtain the "adhesion" of the Grand Lodges of England and New York, with indifferent success. The big meeting to have been held in Italy last summer was postponed because only the smaller and "irregular" bodies had signified an intention to be represented. We have no cause to change our opinion as expressed in our report of last year.

Documentary Evidence.

The question of requiring documentary evidence of all applicants for examination for initiation, is spreading, and it will be well for all Masons to carry at all times receipts for dues with seal of their lodge attached and a diploma or certificate by the Grand Secretary that it is from a regular lodge.

The Grand Master of Nova Scotia was refused an examining committee in Boston during the year because he had no

documentary evidence with him. Many others have met with the same fate when far away from home and unknown.

Elmer E. Haskell (Palatka), G. M.

Wilbur P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

121st Communication, Macon, October 29, 1907.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

Bro. Meyerhardt still keeps up his excellent record. On the flourishing condition of the fraternity in his jurisdiction we quote the following:

Thank God, the year just closing has been for us a year of harmony and peace, a year of such unparalleled prosperity that every true Masonic heart must glow with thankfulness and joy.

Our treasury is full beyond our greatest expectations. Our numbers have increased beyond our fondest hopes. The roll of lodges has grown to more than half a thousand. Our Home has sheltered all our helpless and dependent ones. And from the mountains to the sea, in all our jurisdiction, the principles for which we stand have been upheld and practiced with a loyalty and zeal unknown in all our glorious past.

We fully approve of his refusal to advertise Masonry:

I was invited to deliver an address and to take part in the exercises of "Fraternal Day" at the State Fair in Atlanta. I declined on the ground that Masonry does not advertise for itself nor for others, and I do not think that the Grand Master of Masons should allow himself to be used for advertising a fair or for any similar purpose.

The proposed Grand Lodge building at Macon is to be devoted entirely to Grand Lodge purposes. Its erection was deferred until the requisite funds from the sale of their old building and other sources were on hand.

After seven years service as Grand Master, Bro. Meyerhardt retired, and a series of resolutions of thanks for his magnificent services were unanimously adopted.

In his report on Correspondence Bro. A. Q. Moody reviews our Proceedings for 1906, giving numerous extracts therefrom.

Thomas H. Jeffries, G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Atlanta), G. S.

IDAHO.

40th Communication, Boise, September 10, 1907.

William F. Smith, G. M.

The Grand Master's address is a concise and careful

statement of his official acts, and the work accomplished shows that he performed the important duties of his position in a wise and efficient manner.

On the state of the Craft he says:

I congratulate you that the Order in our jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition, keeping pace with the prosperity that prevails throughout the land. Many of the lodges have largely increased their membership, and it is gratifying to report the accessions in most instances have been those of men who appreciate the duties and responsibilities they have assumed, which is the best indication that the outer doors of our tabernacle are well guarded.

Referring to his official visitation the Grand Master evolved a very sensible idea:

When notifying lodge of my intended visit I deviated somewhat from the usual custom by requesting that the banquet or lunch usually served on the occasion of the Grand Master's visit be dispensed with, believing more good could be accomplished by remaining in the hall after closing, personally meeting the brethren, and instructing in the work, or discussing questions of interest to the lodge. In nearly every instance brothers would ask questions about the work, or bring up some point of law, who, on account of timidity or bashfulness, would not present them during the session of the lodge. I was thus enabled to obtain a better knowledge of the general condition of the Order and the views of the fraternity upon questions which it would have been impossible to obtain otherwise. These meetings gave me much satisfaction and pleasure, and, I hope, resulted in some benefit to the lodges.

The Grand Lecturer system does not seem to work well in Idaho, the results not being commensurate with the expense on account of the extent of territory.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia were recognized.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. Geo. E. Knepper has the following:

In most of the by-laws sent to the Grand Master for approval there was a clause providing that any brother twelve months in arrears for dues should not be permitted to vote at the annual election of officers. He rightfully holds that a member, not suspended, is entitled to all Masonic privileges, that there can be no partial disfranchisement. Two hundred and sixteen dispensations, for all sorts of things supposed to be masonic, were issued. That's going some.

William C. Whitwell (Salmon), G. M.
Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

68th Communication, Chicago, October 1, 1907.

Chester E. Allen, G. M.

In this large jurisdiction the office of Grand Master is no sinecure, and Bro. Allen appears to have performed the duties of his office in a very efficient manner. His address gives full details of his official acts.

Ten new lodges were opened.

The death is announced of a former Grand Secretary, Bro. H. C. Dill, who had held that office for thirteen years.

On the condition of the Craft Bro. Allen says:

I am pleased to be able to report to you, brethren, that the past year has been a most prosperous one, and Ancient Craft Masonry in this grand jurisdiction has made marked progress. Peace and harmony have generally prevailed, and the reports to the Grand Secretary evince a healthful and vigorous activity among the constituent lodges. The total membership of the seven hundred and fifty-two chartered lodges which comprise this jurisdiction is now nearly 85,000. The net gain in membership for the year is approximately 4,930, a very substantial increase. Furthermore, my observation has been that the constituent lodges have principally taken into the fold strong and intelligent young men, representing the best of manhood in the several communities, indicating that the essential qualifications have not been overlooked in the zeal for numerical growth.

Five Schools of Instruction were held by the Board of Grand Examiners, of which the Grand Master attended three, and he believes that this system results in much greater efficiency in the work.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. John M. Pearson, who has been a member of Grand Lodge for fifty years, was introduced. He was cordially received and heartily congratulated. His response was very good:

I was off and out of sight, so I did not know what was going on for a few minutes. I am ashamed to confess it, but I can't hear now only when I want to hear, and I can't always hear when I do want to hear, but I understand that the M. W. brother was saying something about me. Now I will tell you a little something about him. I don't think you all ever heard it. A few years ago he had the misfortune to be elected to Congress over in the district where he lived, around Bloomington—a district Republican, generally, two to one. But they had their fight in their Republican convention, and so the people voted to send him to Congress. I don't know what they had against him (laughter); really, I don't know why they

should do that. The next year when he came to the Grand Lodge (that was almost two years after), they had a convention and nominated somebody else. Well, there are a good many who want to be Congressmen ; I don't know why, but that year there wasn't any scarcity of candidates at all, and going to the train, I found the brother there on the platform. He and I walked together up to the gates, heading for the Grand Lodge. I remarked to him : "Why," says I, "you here?—there is a convention down in your district this week." "Yes," says he. "Well," says I, "ought you not to be there to look after your fences?" He says, "Brother Pearson, if I was to have my choice—to be elected or re-nominated to Congress, or to come to this Grand Lodge, and attend it with the prospect of being elected here, I should come to the Grand Lodge."

Now I have told that on him. I don't know what things he told you about me, but I want to say to you that my connection with this Grand Lodge for fifty years now, almost continuously, has been the pleasantest association that I have had in my life. I have received honors from you—all that you could give. I have tried to do what I could on the floor and in an official capacity. My brethren, meeting here, we have differed in things sometimes. The best men in the world differ; we have learned to respect each other, even when we differ, and that is the beauty of Masonry. The Grand Lodge, or subordinate lodge, respects a man if he does differ, and that has been a great lesson that I have tried to learn, and teach, so far as I had occasion in this Grand Lodge, and it affords me a great deal of pleasure, and I feel thankful to Almighty God that has spared my life to be with you so long a time.

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

The following report of Bro. Joseph Robbins was adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, A. F. & A. Masons :

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence, to whom was referred at the last annual communication a resolution extending recognition to an alleged Masonic body calling itself the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report :

All Masonic jurists agree that it requires the concurrent action of at least three lodges to create a Grand Lodge ; and certain it is that no Grand Lodge has been formed without that number in the last one hundred and sixteen years.

Our information is that the body under consideration was formed by the unauthorized splitting up of one lodge into three divisions and calling these divisions lodges—although two of them must have lacked that indispensable prerequisite to the making of a lodge, a charter—for the avowed purpose of securing the three lodges necessary to form a Grand Lodge.

While your committee is satisfied that this lodge itself existed without Masonic authority, it would seem superfluous to discuss that branch of the subject, for had it been a lawful lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of unquestioned regularity,

the practice of such a subterfuge would be for refusing to recognize as t Grand Lo assumed to create. Your committee th that recognition be denied.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH RO

In a special report Bro. Joseph F very interesting information on the re pean Grand Lodges:

Nearly coincident with the action of New York in terminating its recognition found to be really subordinate bodies (Grand Lodges, which were known to be of Ancient Craft derivation, became confederated Grand Lodge Alliance—or union—or league German as the Grosslogen Bund. To this directorship of which is held in annual Masters of the confederated grand lodgeponent bodies gave over the entire contractions. The bodies thus addicting the thereby placing themselves in this respect condition occupied by the nominal grand orient system, are the three Berlin grand Lodge of the Three Globes, National Grand and Grand Lodge Royal York of Friends Hamburg, at Hamburg; Grand National Dresden; Grand Lodge of the Sun, Beyre the Electric Union, Frankfurt, and the Cord, Darmstadt.

Although these bodies have thus divested their crowning attribute which had enabled them with sovereign grand Lodges in terms of impossible for the Grand Lodge of Illinois complete fraternal relations involved in for the exchange of representatives, yet in lawful origin, this Grand Lodge in order whatever recognition had heretofore been independent grand lodges, provided that should be without prejudice to their autonomous domain in which they still maintain separate action, and that it should not oppose against the members of their daughter lodges.

In attempting to carry out the instructions of the committee is now acting, it is difficult to see of three lists can be avoided without dissatisfaction. but in doing this the committee was unwavering end and aim of those instructions mistaken.

Before presenting these lists some continental European situation should be noticed is the changed condition of affairs of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. That Grand Lodge called the charter of Pythagoras Lodge (register), of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Gr

York having re-established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the recession of the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodges of the United States which came the support of New York in 1851, will follow as a matter of course. There is, therefore, no reason why the Grand Lodge of Illinois should not take such action as will place the Grand Lodge of Hamburg on an equal footing, so far as this jurisdiction is concerned, with the other grand lodges of the German Alliance.

In the second place, when the special report of this committee was made in 1898, there existed in Berlin a fourth Grand Lodge called Kaiser Frederick of Masonic Fidelity, commonly known as the Settlegast Grand Lodge, from its founder Dr. Hermann Settlegast, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Royal York. This body, which was held as irregular by the Berlin Grand Lodges and by the German Grand Lodge League, has been prevailed upon to dissolve, and its lodges are now in allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

Third, a new Grand Lodge has sprung up at Leipzig, emanating from the Geaneau branch of Scottish Rite Masonry, with which none of the older Grand Lodges hold any intercourse. Its name is not known to your committee, but it will be somehow identified in the clandestine list.

Fourth, in the report of 1898 your committee expressed doubts whether the Grand Orient of the Netherlands had any features allying it with the Grand Orient system except the name. We now learn that these doubts were well grounded, and that "Grand Orient of the Netherlands" (Groot Oosten der Nederlanden), and "Grand Lodge of Holland" are two expressions for one and the same thing. It was of legitimate origin, and as your committee understands it works and deals only with the three degrees of Craft Masonry. The term "Grand Orient" is most commonly used at home, and may also stand for the general assembly, which we call Grand Lodge, while "Grand Lodge" is oftener used in international connections. Your committee evidently made no mistake in classing it among those bodies, the members of whose obedience were eligible to visit Illinois lodges, in its former report. It has Provincial Grand Lodges in South Africa and in the Dutch East Indies, and these constituents have of course the same degrees of regularity as the parent body. The same is true of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges planted by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland in distant parts in Masonically open territory.

Extensive extracts are given from the address of Grand Master Burritt.

Alexander H. Bell (Carlinville), G. M.

Isaac Cutter (Camp Point), G. S.

• INDIANA.

86th Communication, Indianapolis, May 28, 1907.

Walter O. Bragg, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year, crowded with

many duties, but the work was to him never seemed a burden.

From his excellent address we paragraph:

I am pleased to report satisfactory p Grand jurisdiction. On January 1, 1907, was 47,353, being a net increase over the 2,294. When we realize that in the United States alone there are more than one million v pass and square," and that Masonry stan its influence than at any time since its c well be proud of our connection with the ing influence on the asperities of men ; prejudices and passions in business, in p forcing it to the front as the most potent and for a broader and higher civilization mighty, because its principles are pure our system, while reposing on the rock of itself against aspersion and unjust persec be said that at this time the "wisest and couragers and promoters of our art."

As to the disposal of the surplus Relief Fund, the following report was

We, your committee, to whom was re Grand Master's address pertaining to the fund remaining from the money contributed by the California earthquake sufferers, and presented by Greenwood Lodge, No. 154, p posal of that money, would respectfully money and the accrued interest thereon \$2,094.10, which may from time to time b tion, bequest or otherwise, be converted relief fund. That the same be placed in Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, to trolled by him in such manner as to be available, and that in the interim between Grand Lodge said fund or any part thereof posal of the Grand Master for relief work calamity or disaster, as his judgment ma

Bro. McDonald presents the usual spondence and devotes six pages to a ceedings for 1906.

Bro. McDonald is in harmony with the question of new Grand Lodges, and the question he has the following:

The time is coming when the Grand Ireland and Scotland will be forced by of autonomy to abandon the territory wh claim concurrent jurisdiction and where Lodges will be formed in each State and

of all the lodges therein. The doctrine that no Grand Lodge can be formed in any territory where lodges have been formed by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, unless a majority of all these lodges unite in the new organization, is simply to say that no new Grand Lodge can be formed in these territories, because England especially, as it has already done on occasion, would not permit any of the lodges under its jurisdiction to take any part in the formation of a new Grand Lodge under penalty of having their charters arrested, and, therefore, it would be utterly impossible under these circumstances to ever organize a new Grand Lodge.

Walter O. Bragg (Greenfield), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

34th Communication, South McAlester, Aug. 13, 1907
William Andrew McBride, G. M.

The prevailing prosperity of this fair territory and the prosperous outlook for the future, as well as the peace and harmony of the Order and the healthful condition of the Craft throughout this grand jurisdiction is certainly very encouraging.

A temporary Masonic Home was located at Atoka, but it was specially provided that this action should not in any manner commit the Grand Lodge as to the permanent location of the Home.

The question of the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma was deferred.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey, and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

James Boyd Morrow (Checotah), G. M.

Joseph Samuel Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

64th Communication, Clinton, June 4th, 1907.

William Fiske Cleveland, G. M.

Prosperity prevails. Four new lodges were formed. The uniformity of the work, which has never been excelled in the past, is very gratifying to the Grand Master. Saskatchewan was recognized.

Request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Switzerland was refused, and that of Grand Orient of Greece deferred for further information.

Their magnificent Masonic library is a source of pride

to all Iowa Masons. In the report of the Committee Library we find the following:

It has weathered the financial storms of its early existence and is now free from debt. Its quarters have been increased, by judicious additions and improvements, until actual temporal value, aside from its Masonic worth and items not now purchaseable, is far in excess of the actual money expended by the Grand Lodge. So that the library really owes the Grand Lodge nothing for donations, technically speaking. The money already spent is a financial investment that can be realized upon a commercial basis. Now the time has come when the Craft should take cognizance of the work that the library can and should do and properly equipt it to that end.

The annex, or building last purchased, should be overhauled and equipped as a reference library. This line of usefulness should not be limited to a purely Masonic field, but the work should be extended, as Masonry owes a duty to the world general as well as Masons in particular. Ten years' accumulation of such matter is now useless because the work was continued three years since. This is particularly true of standard periodicals, which really represent the current of the world, and yet are so seldom filed that it is difficult to obtain these faithful snap-shots of the world's work of only a few years since.

Public education is the foundation of future growth; the student of to-day is the man of to-morrow. The school-boy to-day will be the Mason of to-morrow. Where and how can the influence of Masonry be more easily and advantageously exerted than by opening this library of reference to the youth? It is true that this may be more particularly felt in the immediate vicinity of the library, but it will in time become more extended, and the additional cost of such maintenance, on a scale and above that necessary without this adjunct, would be comparatively trifling. The material would in a large measure be furnished gratuitously.

True, the utilitarian spirit of the age may provide for some of the brethren the query: "What does this really amount to? What general good is it?" Recognizing this spirit, we might ask in turn: "What does it cost us over and above what our expenses would otherwise be?" Very little indeed. The library building furnishes fitting offices for the Grand Officers and provides a permanent abiding place for records. The library work is largely done by the employees of the Grand Lodge, whose number would have to be almost the same as if there were no library. More than this, we have bought it and paid for it. It is the child of your own creation, or, at least, adoption. Can you consistently, wisely or even profitably now refuse it maintenance and the opportunity to develop into something that will gratify your pride and vindicate your judgment? It seems to your committee that you are irrevocably committed to the better, wiser and more generous course of continuing in the good work.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Charles C. Clark, P. G. M. For a first attempt it is indeed very creditable, but Bro. Clark has all the earmarks of an old hand with the pen. His review of our Proceedings of 1906 is kindly and fraternal. He is a little surprised at the number of our dispensations, saying that "if a lodge wants to do anything except breathe it is necessary to get permission."

In his notice of Alabama we find the following:

Some day we will get along far enough to realize that love of God and of one's fellow man is the same thing. Some of us are so anxiously looking out for our future state of happiness and are so fearful that we will not love God enough, and so obtain a front seat in the happy realms of the blessed, that we overlook the homely duty of caring for his children a little. God is love, eternal principle, absolute rightness, and we love Him best when we express in our own lives as much as finiteness will allow of these elements of God-likeness. The greatest is love of one's fellow man and doing one's duty by him.

Under the law of Iowa there are only two methods whereby a visitor may be vouched for by a brother—having sat with him in open lodge, or having examined him by order of the Master.

The Iowa plan of relief does not include the establishment of a costly Masonic Home, and their plan is thus defended:

Our brother is an enthusiastic supporter of the Home plan of benevolence, and argues ably in its favor. He calls attention to the smallness of the expenditures under the Iowa plan as proof of the inefficiency of the latter. We would say to the good brother that the Masons of Iowa are firm believers that the amount of money cuts no figure in determining the good done; that many times vast sums are recklessly squandered, or at least carelessly spent in display which may contribute greatly to the local pride which wants visible evidence of its good works, but which would be much better applied directly to the object to be attained. Without undue bragging we are impelled to say of our Iowa brethren that while they may be short on display they are long in the relief of distress, and after all that is the only thing the fraternity is striving for, whether by the institutional or fund plan. It is simply a matter of opinion as to the way to obtain the best results. Doubtless it is a most comfortable feeling to be able to point to magnificent buildings and to the well-fed and apparently happy inmates as ample proof that the local order is living true to its ideals. We take no stock, however, in the plea that the modest Mason will sooner go to a Home than to receive private relief. In jurisdictions where money is not of great consequence it is perhaps true that the best results are ob-

tained by a combination of the two plans. The other is to be the exclusive agency through which the plan is to be extended, we are, from our present position, committed to the fund plan.

We also quote the following from the *California*:

Bro. Eggleston, as we are glad to recall, is a Masonic iconoclast who persists in limiting the fraternity to 1717. There is a class of such men who has it, which admits nothing but wants to have it, to these the belief of the average Mason is repulsive. It dates back to the building of the Temple and is maddening. They demand the record of the past, hold that as not proven which cannot be proven by elementary evidence. Many things in this world of absolute verities are proven solely by the testimony of men and others which we regard as vital and of great faith. Take, for instance, the matter of the very foundation stone of the fraternity. It is not, as most of us believe, as simply a matter of fact, the outgrowth of the law of probability, but men are willing to be classed, if you please, with these iconoclasts as inaccurate thinkers. They would just as soon as not place the origin of the building of the Temple, or if you should doubt it, would not mind throwing in a few centuries to make good measure. We opine that the subject is little subject to accurate measurement and action. Ever since the dawn of time there has been a superior class of men, something higher and better than the rest of the living, and indeed, as we read history, there have always believed in the existence of one such class, and the only ultimate force in the universe, in the sacredness of the individual and in the unfettered human action. The ancient Greeks are told, had such an organization, and the ruins of Greece are traces of the same thing, running like a golden thread through the centuries, and ages, must have been a binding tie among the nations and undoubtedly would result in the fraternities recognizing each other in some common way, and the fraternity standing as the acknowledged champion of the same great principle, to trace its genealogy back as far as it can, to its own beliefs and characteristics of men, and it bothers us not at all that the pages are missing.

Rollin Madison Hunter (Sibley),
Newton Ray Parvin (Cedar Rapids)

IRELAND.

The pamphlet before us contains a lengthy address by the Deputy Grand Master, Sir James C. Meredith, the first part of which was delivered at the stated communication at Dublin on December 24th, 1907, and the second part at a Special Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, at Belfast, January 15th, 1908. We are glad to be able to make the following extracts:

Brethren, it is pleasant for me to be able to say that the general condition of the Order throughout the country and throughout the various colonial lodges which depend upon this Grand Lodge, is eminently satisfactory. There is hardly any complaint to be heard anywhere, and for the most part those complaints which have arisen have been but trivial. We have only once during the year been called upon to enforce the extreme penalty of the law. We were obliged to expel one brother, a member of an African lodge, but, after all, Masons are human, and we cannot expect that we shall not occasionally, by accident, get amongst us one black sheep; and when we do we know how to deal with him. * * *

There are one or two other matters I want to refer to. The Grand Lodge of England has this year taken a new departure. It is interesting to us to know what other Grand Lodges are doing, but I do not think this is an example there is any occasion for us to follow. The Grand Lodge of England have given power to the Grand Master of England to confer what they call London rank upon distinguished members of lodges in the city of London. The brethren who are honored by that rank have the pleasure of paying substantial annual fees. They are to be entitled to wear distinctive clothing and ornaments, and they are to be entitled within the city of London to have the same reception as would be accorded to Provincial Grand Officers in their own province, but they are not to be entitled to carry their Masonic rank with them anywhere outside the city of London. They may wear their distinctive clothing, but they will not be received with Masonic honors in any portion of England except the city of London. The power of the Grand Master is limited to the creation of 600 of these brethren during 1908, and thereafter to 150 per annum, but seeing that the city of London alone furnishes 600 Past Masters every year, the number from which His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England is to choose will be amply large to enable him to select only distinguished brethren for the honor. One reason why I think it is not at all necessary that we should have anything of the kind is, that in England, as you are aware, the whole of the Grand Officers, with the one exception of the Grand Treasurer, are the nominees of the Grand Master, and as a rule they are nominated from the members of a few only of the English lodges. Here, as you know, all the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are the creatures of your own election—you have the right to elect whomsoever you please, and I am very glad

indeed to see sitting around me upon this dais to-day representatives of a great number of the lodges of Ireland, and if you include the foreign representatives of this Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Officers from the country, you will find that the lodges of Ireland are very fairly represented amongst those who are entitled to sit upon this dais. * * *

Another point that my attention has been called to is this. One of the laws of the Grand Lodge prohibits personal canvassing for grand office. Any brother who takes part in personal canvassing is ipso facto disqualified from holding the office for which he has been seeking the suffrages of his brethren. There is no question whatever about that; but I take it that we Masons ought to obey our laws in the spirit as well as in the absolute letter, and I believe that the law which prohibits personal canvassing equally prohibits the calling upon different lodges, by deputations or otherwise, for the purpose of getting the members of the lodge to vote for a particular person at any election. We cannot interfere with one individual brother saying to another, "Bro. Jones has been proposed for this office, and Bro. Smith has been proposed; I prefer Jones, and I am going to vote for him." If that appeals to the brother to whom it is said, that brother will exercise his franchise in the way indicated, but I deprecate any arrangement whereby any number of brethren go to different subordinate lodges, one after the other, to ask the members of those lodges to vote for a particular candidate at the elections. I do hope there will not be much of that. (Hear, hear.) * * *

Another communication of interest that I received was a letter from Bro. Berry, I. S. O., Past Master of Trinity College Lodge, an antiquary of considerable position, one who has taken great interest in a great many matters of ancient date, and who, when he finds anything specially interesting in connection with Masonry, communicates it to me. Bro. Berry recently came across copies of the census returns of 1821 and 1841 referring to the Masonic Girls' School in Dublin. These returns are very interesting. In 1821 the Girls' School—you all know what an institution it is now at Ballsbridge—existed in a five-story house in Gloucester Place, off Mecklenburgh street in Dublin. The inhabitants of the school consisted of the schoolmistress, one assistant, one servant, and twenty-two girls, whose ages varied from fifteen to seven. In 1841 the school had migrated from Gloucester Place to 6 Hamilton Row, and it appears to have rather gone down, for it consisted only of one teacher, one servant, and fifteen girls, whose ages ranged from fifteen to six and a half.

Four new lodges are reported, one of them at Jagersfontein, S. A. One lodge in New Zealand surrendered its charter in order to join the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Their finances are in a very satisfactory condition. The receipts of Grand Lodge during 1907 were better than 1906 by over £250.

The surplus received from the California Relief Fund was divided equally between what are styled the Three Masonic Jewels, the Girls' Home, the Boys' Home, and the Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund.

There are 450 lodges, but the membership is not given.

There are 1,784 Masons in Dublin, and 4,294 in Belfast.

The Duke of Abercorn, K. C., G. M.

Lord Castletown, G. S.

KANSAS.

52nd Communication, Topeka, February 19, 1908.

Edward W. Wellington, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is far above the average. Bro. Wellington is a man of ability and full of zeal for the best interests of the Craft.

The year has been a prosperous one, their annual returns for the twelve months ending December, 1907, showing a membership of 30,468, a gain of 1,704.

One of the Grand Master's visits must have been especially interesting:

On April 19th, 1907, your Grand Master, accompanied by W. Bro. Thomas B. Hiskey, District Deputy Grand Master, was officially received by St. Thomas Lodge, No. 306, at Colby, Kansas, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree upon George Milton Beaver, whose father acted as Master, and his three brothers filling the stations as Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Senior Deacon. The father, William M. Beaver, was the first Master of this lodge, and for fifteen successive years presided over three different lodges under three different grand jurisdictions. He was raised in Model Lodge, No. 315, St. Charles, Iowa, by W. Bro. William H. Hollenshead, who was present at Colby, occupying a seat in the East. Moreover, the three brothers who filled the stations as the Wardens and Senior Deacon were all raised in St. Thomas Lodge, No. 306, and the three Masters who raised them were all present. One of the brothers, Reuben Finlay Beaver, was Master of the Lodge in 1902. Among the visitors were representatives of fourteen other jurisdictions. The work was impressively done, and the event closed with an elaborate banquet.

The Grand Master thinks they have the best managed Home in the United States. The attendance at present is 77, an increase over last year of thirteen. Average cost per week per capita, \$2.71. The Superintendent and Matron are greatly beloved by all the inmates.

The District Deputy Grand Master system has now had a fair trial and has proved an unqualified success. They have 52 of these officers, and the Grand Master compliments them on their work.

On commercialism in Masonry and the craze for degrees Bro. Wellington strikes the true note, and his remarks on these subjects are well worthy of preservation:

Methods displayed in Masonry of late warrant the consideration of how far prevailing commercial and social methods have found expression in lodge life, and how far these methods are in consonance with the spirit of true Masonry, and how far they may be pursued without detriment to a great and powerful organization that has been recognized by the world at large as standing for a high type of manhood, and the calm, dignified propagation of the principles of our art. We seem to be approaching a danger line, and should pause to reflect.

We have here to do with that form of Masonry alone which always has been and always will be the only universal Masonry known to the world. We are concerned with the preservation of the unblemished reputation of the institution and the inculcation of these lessons which make good men better and guard them from those errors and indiscretions which might cause them to suffer in the eyes of God or man. We may not hope to find any rites or ceremonies, no matter how beautiful in action, how attractive in surroundings and accessories, how bewildering to the layman in titles, how multitudinous in degrees, by plunging into which we may acquire any imperishable mental or moral qualities or the privilege of claiming the possession of Masonic philosophy which is not open to the Entered Apprentice. He will find it an ignis fatuus who pursues Masonic, business, social, or moral greatness, through seeking titles or purchasing the highest available number of degrees. All these associations are pleasurable and should receive the support and patronage of Masons, but when agents solicit as men sell merchandise, when gifts are bestowed like premiums, when medals, exemption from dues and other considerations are held up like prizes as an inducement for obtaining petitions, then the operation of zeal has gone beyond the bounds of prudence and Masonry is vulgarized.

Can we, in good conscience, permit a candidate to affirm that he has not been unduly influenced by friends; that no unworthy or mercenary motive prompts him to seek admission, when inducements are held out and promises made that he will be made a Mason in short time, that he may join others in a rapid transit system to presumed Masonic knowledge or greatness? What symbolism is taught by such methods? Do we not harm every form and branch of Masonry?

To a certain extent these conditions exist. There is a tendency to enlarge them. Our duty, then, is plain.

Let us seek to abridge no law which safeguards the entrance of a man into the lodge. Let the scrutiny of mental

and moral fitness be complete and the absence of personal dislike be total. Let the ceremonies be decorous and without abbreviation. Let the candidate be required to exhibit unquestioned proficiency before being advanced. Let him be taught that the lodge—Symbolic Masonry—is the only form of Masonry on which the sun never sets; that the authority of the lodge over Symbolic Masonry is supreme and always has been; that no form of Masonic philosophy is known whose root and essence is not found in the lodge; that the other associations of Masonry are all worthy of patronage and support; that none can leap at a bound into moral, mental, social or Masonic greatness, but, even as it is the patience, skill and toll of the sculptor, not the block of marble, no matter how fine, how great, that produces the statue, so it is patient skill and the ceaseless application of the working tools of our mystic craft that makes the Mason. Thus it is that lodges are erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The following was adopted as a standing regulation:

Corner Stones.—Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the Masonic fraternity to lay any corner stone which shall not have carved on one of its exposed sides the year of Masonry, the name of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and the distinguishing symbols of the Craft.

An excellent report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Matthew M. Miller, and we quote his opening remarks:

In submitting our sixth review of the Proceedings and Correspondences of the Masonic Grand Lodges of the world, we feel that the Craft is justified in a feeling of self-congratulation over the almost perfect harmony existing between its grand jurisdictions. We say, almost, the Queensland matter is not adjusted, but has reached the stage of fraternal consideration. Many of our Grand Lodges this year, out of one consideration or another—some out of deference to the hope that the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland would speedily and voluntarily make good that reputation for fairness for which they have always been credited, were reluctant, and some believing in a majority rule regardless of conditions declined to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Since then a number of these Grand Lodges have extended recognition, realizing that further refusal was tantamount to a denial of the generally conceded principle upon which Grand Lodge organization has its foundation.

It is a source of regret to some who trace their genealogy on one side or the other directly to England that the old rallying cry that always brought assistance to the weaker party, "Fair play and old England forever," seems to be no longer their heritage, and the regret is all the keener that it fails to be a true slogan among those whose claim of brotherhood entitles them of right to protection and defense from anything that even savors of injustice or oppression. With it, how-

ever, comes a gleam of consolation. The fight once ended, it is the English rule to shake hands, banish resentment, adapt themselves to the arbitrament involved in the changed conditions, and be as fully generous and hearty in the acceptance of the accomplished fact as they were in the bestowal of the blows and buffets which preceded it.

Henry F. Mason (Garden City), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

107th Communication, Louisville, October 15, 1907.

Samuel Keene Veach, G. M.

Bro. Veach is much gratified at the response to his appeal for funds in aid of the Old Masons Home.

This, together with other efforts, including that made on this floor at last Grand Lodge, has been very fruitful; and the Board has now on hand, in the hands of the officers of the Board, for all purposes, \$21,000.

We also quote part of his remarks on the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Too much can not be said in commendation of the different Masonic bodies of this city for the beautiful and material expressions of their love in improvements of the dormitories and infirmary wards at our Home. I happened to be visiting one of the city lodges when the committee which had in charge the improving of one of the girl's wards was ready to report. To me it is one of the sweetest reflections of the year to contemplate the unfeigned piety, love and tender solicitude which was there manifested. Such deeds of pure beneficence will not go unrewarded by Him who rewards us according to our merit.

Twenty-two new lodges were constituted.

A constitutional amendment regarding candidates engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors was adopted, as follows:

It shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes. Any and all lodges guilty of violating this provision shall be dealt with.

In order to secure greater uniformity in the work a committee of seven was appointed to submit a ritual at the next Grand Lodge.

An amended Constitution was presented and action thereon deferred to the next meeting.

In his review for Idaho for 1906 Bro. W. W. Clarke has the following:

Quoting Grand Master Rhea's beautiful periods, commencing "Time has not past, neither has it any future; but only an eternal everlasting present," he says:

That sounds good. But we have been brought up to recognize yesterday, to-day and to-morrow in country time so that we can hardly accommodate ourselves to this new idea. Even the Grand Master contradicts himself before he reaches the close of the above paragraph.

Incidentally we may remark that if Kentucky's brilliant Grand Master is right, and that fact has been recognized by the pedagogues of something more than a quarter of a century ago, we might have been spared some hard work, and hard licks too, in learning the conjugation of the verb "to love." Ah me! Surely, he is mistaken. We know we have rung all the changes on this little word, past and future; indicatively, subjunctively, potentially, imperatively and infinitely; at least, we thought so in those young days. Our fond mother used to laugh at us at times, and sometimes tease us too, telling us that it was not dangerous and we would get over it in time; but love in the "past tense" was a very real thing to us then, and when it reached that stage there didn't seem to us to be any future in anything.

We expect Bro. Knepper knows how it was, and the rest of you wise ones too, who sit around the table and tell Grand Lodges of the mistakes they have made.

Canada for 1906 has fraternal mention.

Henry P. Barrett (Henderson), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

96th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 3, 1908.

Lee E. Thomas, G. M.

The following paragraph from the address of the Grand Master gives a good idea of the flourishing condition of the Craft in Louisiana.

It is a source of great gratification and pleasure that I am able to report that our beloved Order has enjoyed a year of unalloyed prosperity hitherto unknown in the annals of Masonry in Louisiana.

It has been my privilege to issue dispensations to form eleven new lodges since our last annual communication.

All the lodges have been organized and have done a splendid year's work and will ask for charters at this session, which will doubtless be granted. A list of the names and the location of the new lodges will be found in the report of our worthy Grand Secretary. We now have 196 active lodges in the State, of which 22 are located in New Orleans and 174 in the various towns and cities throughout the commonwealth.

This is the largest number we have ever had in active existence. I desire also to congratulate the Craft, not only on the increase of lodges, but the splendid numerical strength in the membership of the Order. Our numbers to-day aggregate 11,761. This is a net increase of 1,177 members during the past year, which is a banner showing for good work accomplished.

One of the decisions of the Grand Master was to the effect that a dimitted Mason, whose dimit was over a year old, could only be tried for a Masonic offence by the Grand Lodge, but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with this ruling. With us residence confers jurisdiction, and a lodge here can try and discipline any Mason living within its territorial limits whether he be affiliated or not.

The Louisiana Relief Lodge continues its splendid work, some idea of which may be gathered from the following extract:

Byreason of our now extended influence we have been in a position, during the year, to render efficient and valuable service to a number of worthy widows of brethren of other jurisdictions. These, I am safe in saying, would have never been able to have conducted their affairs to a successful issue without our aid. In straightening out these tangles and matters of adjustment, and in obtaining redress where wrong had been done and imposition practiced, I have always had at my call and command a number of brethren of the legal fraternity, who are always ready to act for a figure, in the main, involving only the cost of action, and I am happy to say that it has always been our good fortune to bring such matters to a termination that has invariably proven satisfactory to the beneficiary.

Bearing on this paragraph we cite one instance:

That of the widow of a brother, a member of one of the Pacific coast states. This brother had met death in an adjoining State under conditions which would have admitted of the theory of either murder or suicide, leaving his widow in possession of a policy of insurance in one of the larger fraternal orders and some funds in bank, upon which she was not able to realize until legal proceedings were opened. In this case, with the help of an enthusiastic member of the fraternity, a lawyer, we were able to place her in full possession of her rights under that policy, even though the death had occurred three or four months before she had appealed to us for assistance and after she had exhausted every means at her command to achieve the same result. And it was only by considerable correspondence in the part of our Secretary, with the assistance and advice of the brother mentioned, that we were able to bring matters to a focus. The widow, in the meanwhile, had competent advice, on which she felt that she

could absolutely rely regarding the arrangement of her property and other financial interests, and we have the pleasure of knowing that we have her undying gratitude.

The Grand Orator delivered an eloquent address, tracing the builders from Solomon's Temple through Egypt, Greece, Italy and Gaul to their final achievement at St. Paul's Cathedral, and then says:

Beautiful, stately St. Paul's! For 200 years it has seen the generations come and go; has seen empires and political systems rise and fall; and if the proud boast of the master architect and builder, whose mighty intellect conceived and completed it in a lifetime, prove a prophecy, there it will stand in its solemn magnificence until time is lost in eternity, the one comparable monument of the operative art.

Thus from the Temple of Solomon to the Cathedral of St. Paul's, from the culmination of the Jewish civilization to the crowning glory of the Christian enlightenment, has our Craft, with lettered monuments and tablets; with towering shaft and pyramid; with stately temples and cathedral, marked and made clear the way up which all the people of the earth must come in God's appointed time.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

It was decided to affiliate with the Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. H. C. Duncan has the following remark on Grand Master Burritt's proclamation on the cancellation of the Charter of Royal Solomon Lodge in Palestine:

The Grand Master of Canada has issued a proclamation declaring the members of Royal Solomon Lodge to be unaffiliated brethren. This, we take it, is not sufficiently drastic. In our opinion he ought to have declared all men made in the lodge since the arrest of its charter to be clandestine, and every act of the lodge null and without effect.

J. C. Drew (New Orleans), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

88th Communication, May 7, 1907.

Charles F. Johnson, G. M.

The Grand Lecturer held five Lodges of Instruction. In closing his remarks he says:

At all meetings the ritual was very thoroughly studied, and eagerness to obtain exact knowledge was manifested. The "schools" were conducted on the plan which I have followed for many years—allowing abundant time for questions and answers as to what the ritual is, and why, but none for discussion as to what it ought to be.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was
 The report on Correspondence is
 Chase, who reviews our Proceedings
 Charles F. Johnson (Waterville),
 Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

32nd Communication, Winnipeg,
 John McKechnie, G. M.

On the 9th of August, 1906, the
 neyed to Regina and installed the
 Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the
 of which they can claim the parenta
 will be the last.

During the year they had a very d

W. Bro. Sidney T. Klein, Worshipful
 Coronati Lodge, No. 2,076, London, by
 able and instructive lecture on the Gre
 highly appreciated by the large gatheri
 bled in the Masonic Temple. Bro. Klein
 of Masonry, and I hope his coming am
 means of a number of our brethren bec
 members of that lodge, the object of
 search.

The lodges at Dawson and White
 Territory petitioned to be allowed t
 Lodge of British Columbia, and their
 unanimously.

Recognition was extended to th
 Saskatchewan, Porto Rico and Valle d
 land was deferred.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge des
 gret that the lodges forming the Grand
 Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and the
 Yukon, have severed their long and plea
 us, and while recognizing that the mar
 dered this step inevitable, yet it is with
 Grand Lodge we part with so many old
 We trust that, notwithstanding this seve
 and good will which has so long existed
 and that every prosperity may attend th

Lodges, 61; members, 3,871.

James Scroggie (Winnipeg), G. M.
 James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

At the semi-annual communication held in Baltimore on the 14th of May, the following incident occurred:

Bro. James T. Dennis, P. M. of Manokin Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., Assistant Field Director of Excavations, presented the Grand Lodge with a Mason's maul, a sample of an ancient working tool of the Craft in long ago ages. In presenting it, Bro. Dennis said:

That it had been perhaps fifteen years since he last had the pleasure of attending a session of the Grand Lodge, that he missed many old familiar faces, gone no doubt to receive wages, refreshments and rest in the presence of our Supreme Grand Master; that among the faces recognized by him many knew that for several years past his work had taken him to Egypt, where he had been engaged in conducting a series of excavations.

That for the past two years his work had been in the neighborhood of Luxor, four hundred and fifty miles south of Cairo, on the site of the ancient city of Thebes. Here he and his co-workers had been engaged in cleaning the site of a temple, the oldest dated temple yet found in Egypt, built by Mentuhotep III. Ra-Neb-Hapel, of the XI. dynasty, between 2,700 B. C. and 2,800 B. C.

In the progress of the work they came across several specimens of masons mallets, which were used by the old builders of over forty-five hundred years ago in the construction and decoration of the Temple.

Unfortunately they were all imperfect, some being mere fragments; it was evident that when a workman broke his mallet he cast aside the broken bits and selected another. Being distinctively of a Masonic character, operative even if not speculative, it occurred to him that perhaps the Grand Lodge of Maryland might like to have a specimen for its cabinet, and as the soil of Egypt has preserved them for nearly five thousand years, he thought that he would try the experiment of seeing whether this honorable body of Masons could do equally as well, though he expressed his belief that he would not live to see it.

He then presented the maul to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Maryland as a sample of an ancient working tool of the Craft in long ago ages.

The M. W. Grand Master accepted the maul on behalf of the Grand Lodge and entrusted it for safe keeping to Bro. P. G. M. John M. Carter, as President of the Masonic Veteran Association of Maryland, saying that he knew of no body of men more likely to live long enough to carry out Bro. Dennis' wishes, and that Bro. Carter would be held responsible for its preservation.

The Committee previously appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a Home for Aged, Infirm and Indigent Masons reported that after correspondence with all the Grand Lodges of the United States and carefully

considering their reports, recommend that no action should be taken.

The 121st Communication was held in Baltimore, November 19th, 1907.

Thomas J. Shyrock, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is not given in the Proceedings, but we find a report from the Committee to whom the address was referred, containing the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That we approve the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master concerning the indiscriminate erection of buildings by our subordinate lodges, which lodges are unable financially to pay for the same. And we recommend that a committee to consider this subject be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to report at the next semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge and that in the meantime no lodge of Masons, nor any Masons, be permitted to erect any building for Masonic purposes or using the name Masonic without first obtaining the permission of the M. W. Grand Master.

That to prevent the continuance of the practice by non-resident lodges, requesting subordinate lodges to confer, as a matter of courtesy, the degrees of Masonry on candidates from other jurisdictions, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That no subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be permitted to confer the degrees of Masonry on any candidate from a sister jurisdiction by courtesy, unless the candidate shall have received at least the Entered Apprentice degree in the lodge making the request, to a subordinate lodge.

Your Committee approves the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that a committee be appointed to report at our next semi-annual communication upon the advisability of continuing the practice of the lodges of Baltimore city of printing on their notices the names of the candidates to be acted upon, as also the names of the committee to which the application is referred.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presented his 21st report on Correspondence, which is excellent, as usual. Our proceedings for 1906 are reviewed, with several extracts from Grand Master Burritt's address.

Thomas J. Shyrock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At a Quarterly Communication held on March 13th the Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

At the June Quarterly Communication, on a letter from their D. D. G. M. in Chile, the sum of \$500 (equiva-

lent to \$2,000 in Chile) was voted to that jurisdiction, and proved of great service in the case. This was granted for the relief of their distressed brethren who had suffered by a recent earthquake.

A committee of fifteen was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home.

The American Philosophical Society presented a bronze medal to the Grand Lodge, one of a number struck to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

The Lodge of St. Andrew also presented the Grand Lodge with a bronze medal struck to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the granting of its charter by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

At a Quarterly Communication held in September the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

A most interesting address was given by Bro. Charles T. Gallagher on his visit to England and France, from which we make the following extracts:

R. W. Bro. Lawrence and myself were invited, as Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England on the fifth of June, 1907. It was a regular communication, there being present besides ourselves, by invitation, six other Present or Past Grand Masters, two from Australia, one each from New Zealand, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario. About six hundred brethren were present, the Earl of Amhurst, Pro. Grand Master, presiding; of this, as of the other Masonic Grand Bodies, the King is patron, and the Duke of Connaught is Grand Master. The proceedings were conducted with great dignity and decorum, but marked with a despatch of business that was effective. Here the great sword of Gustavus Adolphus, procured from Venice by the Duke of Norfolk when Grand Master, was borne majestically before the Grand Officers on entering, and was placed on the altar with the Holy Bible. This sword we had the pleasure of seeing and handling a few days before in the library, through the courtesy of Bro. Sadler, who is sub-librarian and Grand Tyler, his devotion being special toward R. W. Bro. Lawrence, from a common interest in Masonic libraries and literature. Here Bro. Lawrence revelled, for the library is very complete and its museum of relics and antiquities is maintained in excellent order and condition under the department presided over by Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

The hall of the Grand Lodge is large and imposing, the decorations being substantial and not gaudy. The officers of the Grand Lodge sat on either side to the rear of the Grand Master, while behind him, filling the whole wall space, is a colossal picture of her late Majesty the Queen. The walls on either side of the hall for its entire extent are decorated with

full length portraits, larger than life size. Masters, all of them being titled nobles, presented in their official robes, all doing a series of strong and substantial decorations about seven hundred, but the number of members is a great many more. On the crowded, the seats of the brethren filling the aisle from the chair to the door was hardly two people to walk abreast—in fact, I remember R. W. Bro. Lawrence as we preceded the Grand Lodge after we had been for Earl of Amhurst as Grand Master in his

A pleasing feature was the Masonic Board of General Purposes, a board of which typically conducts the business of the Grand Lodge; the Board had a resolution that led to an interesting discussion so close as to require a division of the house to the right and left of the Grand Master. The vote was Yes or No, the count being made the result (224 to 223) was one in favor. The Board generously withdrew the proposition, a number of the minority opposed it.

In all Masonic gatherings the thing that struck me was the high character and standing in an informal yet dignified manner in which the business was conducted, all being accompanied by that which characterizes an established institution. The Grand Lodge was from four o'clock to eight in the evening, and the matters were reported on a bulletin of the business to nine pages of printed matter.

Stopping in Paris on our return, we called on the Grand Lodge and also had correspondence with parties in relation to the matter. The Grand Lodge has ninety lodges under its jurisdiction, which are in Paris and twenty in the provinces. The Council, 42 Rue Rochecouarts, the Grand Orient being at 16 Rue Cadet, and the Grand Lodge in connection with each other.

The Secretary showed us their list of the initials of the words in French, "To the Architect of the Universe," the same being on the top of their diplomas and the words being in the ritual of the obligation in the second degree. I saw, this being the longest and principal

The Secretary was told that there was no recognition by the Grand Lodges of the Grand Orient without the restoration of the name of the Bible being restored to the altar. He referred to what I have stated and produced the Bible. As to the second, he said that the Bible was not used prior to 1877, when it was recognized by the English-speaking Grand Lodges, that as a rule in all Latin countries the

was the book used on the altar, and we found this to be true in the bodies of the Supreme Council.

These people claim that the Grand Orient is simply a political body, while their Grand Lodge claims to be free from politics, religion and anything but Masonry. Copies of their Constitution, their annual proceedings, with their diploma and letter-heads will be placed in the library.

One of the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is called Anglo-Saxon, and is composed of English-speaking Masons, the Master of which is an English pastor. The annual report of the Grand Lodge shows that they are in official relations with various Masonic powers, none of which, however, are English-speaking, all of them being located among the Latin, Latin-American or German dependencies.

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In London I made further inquiry in the matter, anticipating they would have some knowledge of it, and since my return a letter has been received from Bro. John Strachan, who is Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of England, holding similar positions with other Grand Bodies. He says that this Grand Lodge of France has applied to the Grand Master of England for recognition, which has been refused, giving the reasons.

174th Communication, Boston, December 27, 1907.

John Albert Blake, G. M.

On one of his visits the Grand Master says:

This was a memorable occasion. It was a celebration commemorative of the ninetieth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Eliphalet Wright, who occupied the chair of the Worshipful Master on that evening for two hours, and finished by raising two candidates to the third degree. His memory never faded and his impressiveness in rendering the ritual was quite unusual. He was indeed a "Grand old man."

On their membership he says:

During the past Masonic year the number of rejections is 747. I realize the necessity of a rigid scrutiny of all applications, but the larger percentage of rejections, being nearly twenty per cent. of the total number of applications, proves one of two things—either sufficient care is not taken in the recommendation of applicants and the reception of petitions, or worthy applicants have been rejected for other than Masonic reasons. Either result is deplorable, and I sincerely hope that during the coming year the brethren will exercise the greatest care in the recommendation of candidates for the degrees.

In 1906 we suspended, discharged and dimitted 691 members. These figures are impressive, for in two years we have lost from these sources 1,360 members. The dimitted members joining elsewhere are few in number.

John Elbert Blake (Malden), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

63rd Communication, Bay City, Mich.
Charles E. Sweet, Acting G. Master.

We notice with deep regret the death of our
Master, Bro. Charles E. Stevens, before the expiration of
his term of office. Bro. Stevens was a frequent
a visitor to our Grand Lodge at Hamtramck, Mich.
was greatly esteemed as a man of ripe judgment and
for the interests of the Craft.

Their Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Charles E. Sweet,
was also called away just one week before the expiration of his term.

The address of the Grand Master was read and
acts and reviews those of the late Grand Master
L. Stevens.

On the occasion of the dedication of the new
Linden three elegant brass candlesticks were presented to
Catholics of that town.

Three new lodges were opened.

Their Masonic Home has 51 inmates. The
weekly per capita cost of maintenance is less than
is in excess of the previous year owing to the
plies.

On the second day the following communications were received:

At the request of the acting M. W. G. Master,
M. Wm. T. Mitchell was called to the Grand Lodge
Secretary, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Michigan,
veying the congratulations of Grand Lodge of Michigan
tion of his ninetyeth birthday anniversary.

Presented him with a beautiful tribute of flowers.
Past Grand Master Mitchell was equally
responded in a manner that will never be forgotten
present, and the event will ever be treasured as one of the
happiest incidents in the history of the Craft.

Bro. Lou B. Windsor visited Mexico to see
the present condition of the Grand Lodge of Mexico.
Mexico. He finds that they do now have a Grand Lodge
to, and uphold the ancient land mark usages of the
usages of the fraternity. He then returned to Michigan
recognition, which was accordingly given.

The report on Correspondence is given by
Windsor, who briefly reviews Canada.

Charles E. Sweet (Dowagiac), G. Master.
Lou B. Windsor (Reed City), G. Warden.

MINNESOTA.

55th Communication, St. Paul, January 22, 1908.

Gustaf Widell, G. M.

The Grand Master opened one new lodge.

Under the head of "Dispensations refused" we note, with approval, that permission for lodges to attend in a body, as a lodge, any public or divine service, or to appear in public in their regalia, except at funerals, was declined.

On the work of their District Deputies he says:

With reference to the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the results have not been as satisfactory as was expected. Some deputies have furnished excellent and complete reports, some have furnished partial reports, some have made no reports at all. It would be well for the districts in selecting their representatives to select those who can devote some time in the interest of the work. The office of D. D. G. M. is of great importance, and experience has shown that where an active District Deputy has looked after his work properly the interest in Masonic work and the standing of the lodges have been greatly benefited thereby.

The death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, removes from the list one of the oldest Grand Secretaries. Bro. Montgomery had served as Assistant Grand Secretary for twelve years, and as Grand Secretary for over seventeen. He died in harness, faithful to the last. He was prominent in the religious and municipal life of the city, and his executive ability was generally recognized. He was greatly esteemed and his loss will be deeply regretted by the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized. Action on the requests for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Alpina and the Grand Orient of Greece was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. Irving Todd reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1907. In his review of Illinois we find the following:

The Committee on Correspondence submitted a special report on grand bodies accorded full recognition, those accorded qualified recognition, and those deemed to be without authority in Craft Masonry, a list too long for reproduction. As we view the situation recognition is largely sentimental, growing out of the custom of exchanging grand representatives, and is particularly a matter of courtesy. When the Masonry of a country passes from the mere degree peddlers into the control of a better element it commands the confidence and respect of the organized bodies of the Masonic world, either expressed or implied, which is neither added to or taken away by a mere

resolution. The Masonry of the Latin above the average plane of the people, stable or enduring than their other ins poltkical. They are fickle, changeable, themselves are thus constituted. The Supreme Council appeals more strongly and decorations than the Grand Lodge, the dominant governing power. Cons cept Masonry as we find it, not as we In seaport towns, where visitors from are a daily occurrence, recognition has possessed in Minnesota. Hence we do in the haste to extend it upon the slight grand bodies recently organized will und prosper, if properly handled, whether we nition or withhold it.

On the rights of Past Masters we

With us a Past Master has the right upon invitation, to a place of honor in present when the so-called Past Master upon a Master-elect, and to open and pre the absence of the Master and Warden may or may not be inherent, but they joyed by any other member.

William P. Roberts (Minneapolis)

John Fishel (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

90th Communication, City of Ha
11th, 1908.

Henry Clay Yawn, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master
terest.

Harmony and prosperity prevail,
ing remarks we quote the following:

Is there a Mason here who has not sweeter and happier by some token of sympathy or some word of encouragement just past? If you have, you have not teachings of our noble Order, but have monument that will stand while the perhorologe of eternity.

Your opportunities for doing good and influence for good is what you make it. be done, do it; if a friendly word is to if a smile is to be given, give it. Place hands of your brother while he can reward smile. Do not wait till his cold, pallid utter thanks. Some one has said, "On worth more to me than all the products

the world on my grave; one kind word in life is better than an oration over my tomb; on my funeral day you may overlook covering my grave with flowers if you will but give me one little bud to-day!"

Man's dependence upon man was felt in the very beginning of history. This was in obedience to the Divine plan of making man an instrument in the alleviation of human suffering. As the race increased in numbers they began to form in groups or communities. Attachments and sympathies were engendered among the individuals of these groups, which if less strong than the family ties were yet stronger than those that existed among strangers. As these communities grew larger and more extensive these attachments broadened. This tendency to universal brotherhood, however, was retarded more or less by creeds and dogmas. Hence, it was on the broad plan of the Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man that our Craft was founded. The object of the system was benevolent, primarily to those within its folds, and secondarily to mankind at large.

The liberal and comprehensive teachings of the Order, taking, as it did, within its pale all who would subscribe to its code of morals without regard to sect or creed, aroused more or less opposition among those whose minds had been trained along the narrow channels of sectarianism and intolerance. So, in the early ages, until men's minds became more liberal and they grew more tolerant, Masonry suffered much opposition and persecution. The persecution rendered it necessary to inaugurate a system whereby its members could readily exercise and distinguish one another.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that Masonry in its beginning was operative, and that its efforts and purposes were largely intended to give material aid and protection to its votaries, and that its moral and benevolent teachings are the result of a gradual broadening of man's sense of duty to man, which we call speculative Masonry. Masonry does not propose to take the place of religion, but it may certainly be called the handmaid of religion, and as such has a work to do which should commend it to all.

It has not been my desire in this little dissertation on the teachings and purposes of Freemasonry to parade its virtues before the world, for it needs no encomiums from its votaries; my object has been to call the attention of you, my brethren, to the merits and value of our honorable institution, and to awaken within you a greater sense of appreciation of it, as well as a greater sense of your responsibilities and privileges.

Their Masonic Home has been erected during the past year at Meridian at a cost of \$34,000.00, and the Grand Master has made earnest appeals to the brethren for funds to furnish and complete the same.

Seven new lodges were opened.

It was decided to continue the 25 cents per capita tax in aid of the Endowment Fund, and to impose a new levy of 50 cents per capita for the maintenance of the Home.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Brother Harry T. Howard again presents the report on Correspondence, which is a very excellent and readable paper. He gives our Proceedings of 1907 a good notice, with complimentary remarks on our system of District Deputies and their splendid work.

In the review of Georgia we find the following, which might be taken to heart by some other jurisdictions:

When we read the Grand Master's address and see how, year after year, he holds the position of Grand Master, we wonder whether it is by his goodness or his political power. And as for dispensations granted, it makes one wonder whether there is any Masonry left in Georgia, or whether any of the lodges hold regular communications as long as they have such a Grand Master. Page after page devoted to conferring and balloting out of time, eight Fellow Crafts made Master Masons in a bunch out of regular time; ten Fellow Crafts in a bunch rushed through in irregular order; Entered Apprentice after Entered Apprentice rushed through the next two degrees in one night out of regular time; Fellow Crafts made Masters without any examination whatever; eighty Fellow Crafts made Master Masons at any odd time in bunches or in singles. The only thing that he asked was that applications be signed in person and not by proxy. Then he calmly states that Masonry has nothing in common with a circus, and cannot receive a part of the proceeds of the same, as it tends to lower the dignity of the institution, apparently oblivious of the fact that, owing to his abuse of the dispensing power, there has been a circus going on in the lodges all the year.

In his remarks on the address of the Grand Master of Kansas he has the following:

We hope the old ideals are vanishing, and men are awakening to the fact that God still rules His world as a beneficent Father, and that Jesus was a teacher who, as He himself is supposed to have said, was here about His Father's business. We hope the time is fast approaching when the first great law may become as Jesus taught it, "To love God with all our hearts," and "To love our neighbor as thyself," and in so doing to reach up to God through an unselfish life. The terrors of hell no longer torment as they did our forefathers. Years ago when the Pope dominated the world of science and literature everything revolved about the supernatural. All ills were visitations of a vengeful God, whose altars were neglected. We were born in sin, we lived in sin, and died in sin, and had to pay a priest to get us up to heaven after death. Our church was the only church, all others were the inventions of the devil. Now, the dawn appears! By the help of science, geology, astronomy and modern medicine, the priest sits once more in the neglected temple with his plan of redemption, his miracles, his devil, and his Mosaic account of creation—hurling his anathemas at men who walk laughingly

by, no longer afraid of his idle ravings, but happy in their free love of the Infinite God that lives in their neighbors, their children, their wives, themselves, and knowing that underneath all are the "Everlasting Arms."

That Masonry still grows rapidly.

From his conclusion we quote :

Here are some figures : largest grand membership in the world, New York, 139,203 ; greatest membership (American), subordinate lodge, Genesee Falls, N. Y., No. 507, viz., 1,248.

The grand total for Canada and the United States is reported to be 1,187,568 Master Masons.

And now, my brethren, in my two years' work as your correspondent, I have found that to make a Mason love Masonry more, let him sit with the men who are the broadest-minded in the different jurisdictions—the men of the Round Table.

Edwin J. Martin (Meridian), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

87th Communication, St. Louis, September 24, 1907.

David M. Wilson, G. M.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address. Of their prosperous condition he has the following to say :

How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Such is our happy condition. Nothing has taken place to check the onward advance of the fraternity. I have not been called upon to arrest the charter of a single lodge. Harmony, unanimity and concern prevail among the brethren. The discordant note is noted only for its absence. The greatest of good will abounds, and our material prosperity is reflected in the prosperity and growth of the brotherhood, apparent in every hand, and in every portion of the State. It is not imaginary, but real. Of course, amidst the voluminous correspondence of the Grand Master's office, great and constantly increasing complaints are received now and then, but they are few in number, in most cases chimerical and unfounded, and as a whole, trivial, the trouble generally being with the objector. In fact, they but add their cumulative mite to the great mass of evidence, testifying to the forward and upward march of the fraternity in grand old Missouri.

But while it is very gratifying, and a very pleasant duty to report this material and numerical growth and prosperity, it affords me a far greater pleasure to state that there is a most commendable effort among our lodges and the brotherhood to carry into actual practice the great moral lesson Masonry teaches. It is not at all as sounding brass, or as tinkling cymbals, but thousands of Masons in Missouri lodges are conscientiously and earnestly trying to live up to their solemn obligations. It gives me great pride and pleasure to be able to make this statement, and to know that it is true.

Following their splendid record of last year, all their 584 lodges made their returns and paid their Grand Lodge dues, another proof of the efficiency of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer held 32 Lodges of Instruction, at which the total attendance was over 3,000.

Their two Grand Orators both gave very fluent addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention.

Our proceedings for 1906 are presented in the report on Correspondence by Bro. R. E. Anderson.

John T. Short (Jefferson City), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

50th Communication, Omaha, June 4th, 1907.

Zuingle M. Baird, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Master has the following:

The general condition of Masonry throughout the State is all that could be desired, with perhaps a slight disposition on the part of some lodges to consider quantity as being more desirable than quality, and if I have one special message to transmit to the fraternity it is to see that no unworthy candidate is admitted within the sacred precincts of our lodges. The returns, as compiled by the committee, show an increase of membership over any previous year, 565. The Grand Treasurer's report presents the largest cash balance on hand ever reported to the Grand Lodge, and as we are nearing the days of our golden anniversary I bring the glad tidings that peace and harmony, generally speaking, will prevail throughout this grand jurisdiction.

On the subject of guarantee bonds the following excellent advice should be noticed by all interested in the matter:

- I wish to call the attention of this grand body to our present law of furnishing bonds for our Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Orphans' Educational Fund.
- Shortly after I was installed into office the forms of the guaranty company bonds were submitted to me. I read them over carefully, and they not meeting with my approval, I submitted the forms to two competent attorneys, who had been judges on the bench, were Masons and Past Grand Masters, and they pronounced them, using their language, "Very much of a fake." After considerable correspondence and an extra effort on my part, assisted by several Grand Lodge officers, we succeeded, as we thought, in getting an improvement over the original ones. I approved them, at the same time feeling that they were not what they should be. Our law requires a

guaranty company bond, and this was the best that could be done. Similar bonds had been approved by my predecessors, and I did not wish to be the first to disapprove the form of guaranty bonds. In my opinion a form of bond should be prepared that would bond the company in case of loss and compel them to furnish this grand body what we pay for. Our courts lay down a form for these bond companies and they comply with the request, and I can see no good reason why they should not be required to furnish us a good form when we furnish a No. 1 risk and pay the fees.

The Jordan Medal is held, during his lifetime, by the oldest living member in the jurisdiction, and this year passed into the custody of Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes. This medal is in future to be made of gold.

Their Masonic Home during 1906 took care of 31 people, three only temporarily. The cost for each resident for a full year is about \$190.00.

This being their Semi-Centennial year, it was ordered that a special session of the Grand Lodge be convened at Omaha on September 23.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Chas. J. Phelps, and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

Ornan J. King (Lincoln), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

43rd Communication, Reno, June 11, 1907.

Walter J. Harris, G. M.

The opening paragraph of the address of the Grand Master presents a beautiful picture of their flourishing condition:

We rejoice with our sister jurisdictions upon their heavy gains in membership and great good accomplished.

Our State is large in area and rich in agricultural and mineral resources.

Our mines are producing bounteously and we have ample occasion for joy and thanksgiving.

Nevada at the present time is indeed a State of opportunities, so to our brethren of the Mystic Tie, whithersoever dispersed, the hand of fraternal friendship is extended and we bid you welcome to come and abide with us.

This new and magnificent temple, rich in furnishings and adornments, and with the many attractions of this growing city of Reno, I sincerely trust will induce you all to tarry awhile, laying aside the cares of business, not only for a portion but the whole of this session, thus making yourselves happy and communicating happiness.

Let us return to our homes at the close of this session with

the consciousness of having done our duty, and having advanced some new idea where the Craft may be strengthened in diffusion, in carrying out the noble principles of

The Grand Lodge of Queensland

The edict against the Grand Lodge withdrawn.

The report on Correspondence is regarded. Our proceedings for 1906 have been received.

Robert Lewers (Reno), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson City), (

NEW BRUNSWICK

39th Communication, St. John, A

Edwin J. Everett, G. M.

Harmony prevails, the lodges are in good condition, and the Grand Lodge for the year is free from debt.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was

40th Communication, St. John, A

Edwin J. Everett, G. M.

The Grand Master gives full details. He made a number of visitations to the lodges and was generally received. He reports the best of health and the brethren active and hopeful.

He recovered two ancient Masonic documents which were placed in the custody of Grand Master. These are a warrant granted by the Province of Nova Scotia, in 1789, for a lodge and a roll of the members of the lodge for the year 1828. This lodge is the third Masonic lodge erected in the province.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is organized.

The following resolution was voted and on being put to Grand Lodge was carried.

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that it should be a member of a Chapter or Encampment, and a member in good standing in a blue lodge, and that the Grand Lodge memorialize the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and the Great Priory of Canada to have the resolution carried into effect in their respective

A revised funeral service was adopted.

The Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico was recognized.

Further time was granted with regard to the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Chile, and the Grand Orient of Paraguay.

John S. D. Chipman (St. Stephen), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

118th Communication, Concord, May 15th, 1907.

William Alberto Plummer, G. M.

The year has been one of normal growth and development, and the Craft is in a sound and healthy condition.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The business transacted was of a purely local interest.

We regret very much to notice the death of Bro. A. S. Wait, who was for many years Chairman of Correspondence. Bro. Wait was one of the brightest Craftsmen in the fraternity and his reports were always a pleasure to the reader.

The report this year is by Bro. H. M. Cheney.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 he says of Grand Master Burritt's address that "the entire address is admirable and tells a story of which our brethren across the line may be justly proud."

In his review on Kansas and on the duties of a Grand Master, he says:

Bless your dear soul, good brother. New Hampshire does not pay all the expenses of her Grand Master, even for the occasion of constitution of a new lodge, or other purposes. He does not get a cent, much less a dollar, for a salary. But if he failed to attend the services of constitution, unless presenting a physician's certificate of inability to do so, or something equally as good, he would hear from it in homely but very plain fashion. Grand Masters in New Hampshire do the work expected of them without fee or reward. We have been through it, and that is why "acting" and "as" make us of New Hampshire "tired," as we read so much of it elsewhere.

William A. Plummer (Laconia), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

30th Communication, Carlsbad, October 21, 1907.

A. N. Pratt, G. M.

The Craft is in a flourishing condition.

Four new lodges were formed, and in the Grand Master's address we find the following tribute to our grand Northwest:

A request from the Grand Master of Saskatchewan to change representatives. It was a pleasure to me to know that this Grand Lodge had been established. Few could realize what a country we have north of us. Larger than our own, and in the past few years immigration has been immense and the resources of the country wonderful. I had been in Regina and knew much of the Province of Saskatchewan, and remember with much pleasure cordial and pleasant meetings with the Canadian brethren. I feel sure that the Grand Lodge established there will be wonderfully successful.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, but action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was postponed.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907 Bro. James H. Wroth says:

A great part of this report is taken up with the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, whose careful work and interest in the Craft renders the Grand Master's duties much less onerous.

An unusual statement in this regard, as judged from the reports, is that all of the lodges have been visited and inspected except four. Quite a remarkable condition of affairs.

We copy his concluding remarks with the hope that Bro. Wroth has by this time recovered his pristine vigour and that his business cares have been lightened:

In brief resume of the year's work I feel that I have to leave to the consideration of the Craft on account of illness and pressure of work, and in looking over the field it seems to me, from my small area of vision, that our American jurisdictions are afflicted with the desire to legislate upon anything and everything that might come along, forgetting that the immutable laws of Masonry, like those of the Medes and Persians, require no change and need no legislation. A little common sense and a recognition and study of the fundamental laws of Masonry would prevent very much of this, but unfortunately, that august body that sits in Washington, something must be made to fit the individual case, forgetting that the strength of our institution depends upon adhering closely and rigidly to the old construction, even if some innocent parties suffer from the construction.

This craze for legislating on every topic under the sun has led many jurisdictions into anomalous positions from which we fear they can extricate themselves only with difficulty, and probably by taking a back track.

It is needless to call attention to the fact that Masonry has increased within the past year. There seems to have been an excessive enlargement of membership, but with this per-

me to call a note of warning—there is no Masonry except the three primeval degrees—all the rest is simply additional modifications or enlargements upon the ideas promulgated and expressed in Ancient Craft Masonry.

J. W. Wilson (Roswell), G. M.

A. A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

120th Communication, Trenton, March 20, 1907.

Walter Chandler, G. M.

In the course of a very lengthy address the Grand Master gives full details of his official acts, visits and rulings. The year was one of great activity. Owing to their adherence to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, trouble arose with the Grand Lodge of New York, and Bro. Chandler was compelled to interdict the recognition of several rejected candidates of New Jersey who had been initiated in lodges in New York.

On this subject the following report was adopted:

On the question of perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected candidate for initiation, your committee can but reiterate their report upon the same, subject to the Annual Communication of 1905. They would, however, recommend, in view of the fact of the existing rule in this jurisdiction, enabling a member of the lodge, through unworthy motives, too prevent the reception of a worthy candidate into the Craft, that the fifth article, on page 62 of the Digest, 1903, be amended so as to read: "A three-fourths vote shall be required to give permission to another lodge to receive and act on the application for membership of a rejected candidate, and the vote shall be by ballot."

Their Masonic Home has 74 inmates. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$15,796.64, a net per capita of \$226.07.

Alberta and Tasmania were recognized.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Lodges, 181; members, 26,595; increase, 1,622.

Austen H. McGregor (Newark), G. M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings for the year ending June, 1907.

Four quarterly meetings and two specials.

The total number of lodges in active work is 209, an increase of three.

Subscribing members number 11,788, an increase of 647 since our last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £762 to £4,666.

Benevolent Fund increased by £1,102 to £13,084.

Freemasons' Orphan Society increased by £600 to £27,777.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institutions increased by £158 to £9,157.

The territory is divided into Metropolitan and 23 country districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports are embodied in the proceedings.

Quarterly Communication, December 12.

A resolution to rescind the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was defeated.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan were recognized.

In the review of Correspondence by the committee of five having charge of that duty, our Proceedings of 1906 are accorded three pages.

Sir Harry Rawson (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

126th Communication, New York, May 7th, 1907.

Townsend Scudder, G. M.

This magnificent jurisdiction is the largest in the world, having 775 lodges, with a membership of over 150,000. and the receipts by the Grand Secretary for the last year amounted to over \$180,000.00. In twenty years their numbers have doubled and their material wealth has increased in proportion.

The Grand Master found pleasure in performing his arduous and difficult duties. A wide range of important subjects are covered in his excellent address.

One of the most interesting subjects is the Home at Utica. We quote the following:

I feel greatly encouraged by the practical interest shown in our Home at Utica. Ever since the Home was opened to the reception of inmates it has been a source of solicitude to the fraternity and of ever-increasing interest. I fear, however, that, for effective management, we have not been at all times as discreet as we should have been. Our wards in the Home are drawn from two classes, the old people and the young. The old are gathered from those whose lives have met failure. In the discharge of our obligation to them, the

hospitable doors of the Home have been opened and they have been admitted freely and cheerfully. These wards are entitled to our sympathetic consideration, but the orderly administration of the Home requires a broader view of the frailties of human nature than we have taken in the past. It is not the part of wisdom to impress those committed to our care with the thought that they have but to make known their desires to have them gratified, and that nothing is too good for them. There is room for reason in all conditions. Our open heartedness led us to a condition of discontent bordering on insubordination which, but for the exercise of great patience and tact, might have led to disorganization and chaos. I am told that in the past it was no uncommon thing for inmates of the Home, when invited to perform light services, to refuse peremptorily on the ground that they did not come to the Home to work but to enjoy themselves, a frame of mind not surprising under the liberal interpretation of the kind things said to them when visited from time to time by those charged with the duties of administering the affairs of the Grand Lodge. Every man and woman is happier when occupied; many of our inmates are able to do little, but that little which each is able to do should be done willingly and kindly. Sitting around from the hour of rising to breakfast, awaiting the meal; from breakfast to luncheon, awaiting the meal; and from luncheon to dinner, awaiting the meal, killing time, breeds bad habits, discontent, and demoralization. We are now endeavoring to find work for the inmates of our Home within the physical and mental strength and ability of each. The efforts already have made their impress and a happier atmosphere is manifest. I believe that there should be established at the Home suitable small industries for the occupation of those whose services can be put to practical account. Light rug weaving, or kindred work, would afford opportunities for the exercise of individual taste and in my judgment be beneficial in maintaining the morale of the establishment.

Our Children.

I have pleasure in reporting a splendid accomplishment during the year along the lines of making practical the education we provide for our children. So quiet and gradual has been the growth of our Home that up to the last year the need of broader educational advantages for our little ones hardly made itself felt. We have now committed to our care between 60 and 70 boys and girls ranging from tender years up to 16 and over. These we are endeavoring to make into good citizens. Living in the Home, separated from those practical experiences within the reach of children reared by their parents, we have for years been turning out into the world our boys and girls in a state of ignorance of the practical duties of life. The child reared by its parents is called upon to discharge a thousand and one small duties about the home, and thus both boys and girls learn much of the relations and duties of the household and life. Not so with us. For our little ones we do everything, and they acquired no practical knowledge of domestic life. This defect in our system is being

I commend strongly the practice of sending children of suitable age to the public schools of Utica as an experiment, from the start the very best results have been obtained. Thrown into competition with their kindred of other schools, they have come out surprisingly and interest was aroused in the community. The pale, listless faces we used to see have been replaced by faces glowing with health and vigor. No one accomplishment compensates for all the others. I second the suggestion of the trustees that the school term be in contact between the children and the aged. Childhood is the period of sunshine. We have this God-blessed period of their lives without the shadows of failure, misery, and death, and we can fit them for life by so doing.

I doubt if there are proportionately as many in New York City who do not know the difference between cabbage and a head of lettuce as there are in Utica. I doubt if half the boys in Utica have ever been in a garden. They had not been taught. They were not permitted among plants and vegetables. They were not permitted inside and outside, the useful and practical in their undertakings. In the Home the cooking was done in the usual institutional way, the meals were not prepared in the preparation and service was an unknown thing and had they been sent to a butcher's shop to buy a thing in the way of meat, they probably would not have known about ordering a leg of mutton, because they had never seen a mutton had legs or not. The picture is little

True, this Home question, this child question is for us, but because it is a very great one we are charged with the future of these children to-day, perhaps more to-morrow us to make men and women of them. Of our fraternity, their lives must be the measure for the discharge of the duty of our fraternity stands for. We cannot measure for the discharge of the duty of

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showing what had become of those of our children since our Home was established who had been graduated from it, I found that no such record existed. We do not know to-day whither these children have gone. We do not know anything about them. We received them, little things ; we housed them, we gave them no practical education, a little book knowledge, and pretty tracts, and then, when they had reached the age of sixteen, we sent them out into the world. Possibly a place was found for them, in the first instance, but there the curtain falls. To the sorrow of our great fraternity it can be said that we, who have boasted so much of our practical work in Utica, to-day cannot tell the whereabouts of our boys and our girls, where they are, nor how they fare. I could add more, but why dwell on the past, for it is past. A change is made. To-day no boy or girl leaves that Home but that his or her movements are kept note of. Each is committed to the care of the lodge through which admission was obtained to the Home, that lodge is held responsible, the children are followed, and we are going to know just where each child is.

There are periods in the lives of all young people when they ask themselves the question, "Is this battle of life worth while?" When that question is put hereafter by any of ours, the home, its influence, atmosphere, and welcoming home doors, will all tend to prompt a joyful answer, "Yes." One of our boys, here a few months ago, I asked how the world was faring with him, and how he met its problems after his education at our Home in Utica. "Why," he said, "Mr. Scudder, it seemed very strange to have to come down here and provide for myself ; very strange and very hard ; I have no friends ; I don't know many people ; the lodge is very good and the men are visiting me, and I am invited to their houses. But," he added, and the tears came to his eyes, "I have crawled into my bed in my room a good many nights, tired out with my day's work, and I suppose it was not manly, but I have cried myself to sleep and wondered whether it was all worth the while."

Now, these are the children that we have to save, to inspire with courage when the clouds hang heavy over them, to brace up and start off a-fresh with new hope in their breasts, and then we want to have them back in the Home, periodically, when they can get a day's vacation, and when they come we want to welcome them as our dear parents welcomed us home in the old days. Such is the work we have before us, without going further into details, and there is a plenty of it.

In 1851 an edict of non-intercourse was issued against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in consequence of the formation of a lodge in New York by that Grand Lodge. This lodge has now been closed and its warrant recalled, and the edict of non-intercourse was consequently rescinded.

The Grand Historian presented an elaborate report on the history of a large number of the lodges, which report

is beautifully embellished by photographs of old and new lodges.

The work of the Judge Advocate, Bro. Abel Crook, was performed in a most remarkably efficient manner, and we feel we need make no apology for quoting his report in full:

Since my appointment as Judge Advocate I have carefully considered the various matters referred to me by you and the several District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as those presented by Masters of subordinate lodges and by individual members of the Craft and when required have formulated opinions. The work has been at times laborious, but the gratification of pleasing and aiding in the solution of many questions about which differences existed has been a satisfactory compensation. It would be surprising that so many inquiries could arise were it not that so many of the inquiries belong to non-professional classes. From the laymen have come questions of an eminently practical nature, while some of the most technical character have been submitted by members of the legal profession.

Among the subjects considered may be mentioned as examples, without attempting to enumerate fully the following:

1. The physical qualifications of a candidate.
2. The right to demand duplicate diplomas.
3. The effect of misrepresentations in applications for membership—claimed to have been innocently made.
4. The status of an applicant to two lodges, one of which accepts and the other subsequently rejects before initiation.
5. The status of an applicant under twenty-one years of age who is accepted before majority by a lodge proposing to initiate him on the day of his majority.
6. The status of one acquitted of intentional misrepresentation in his application relative to previous rejection because opportunity was afforded the rejecting lodge to appear and prove the fact. In this case the accepting lodge declined appeal and the rejecting lodge sought to intervene or to involve some remedy after expiration of the time for an appeal.
7. The construction of the by-laws of a lodge relative to application of its funds to social purposes.
8. The liability of individual members of a lodge to pay the Grand Lodge per capita tax under by-laws which permitted commutation of all future dues upon payment of a fixed sum which had been availed of by such members. The question arose upon a proposed amendment to the by-laws to increase its dues to cover such tax.
9. The power of a Master to take a recount after an announcement by tellers of a result of a standing vote on amending the by-laws, the result being changed by the recount.
10. The powers and duties of the Grand Treasurer under the recent amendment of the Book of Constitutions, particularly as to the amount to be retained by him uninvested and when and how often the constantly changing surplus is payable to the Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum substituted for the Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

11. The powers and duties of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund as a corporation distinguished from their duties to the Grand Lodge and the supervisory functions of the latter.

Complaints have been presented, proposed changes examined, and where required, amended; in some cases evidence has been analyzed and charges formulated. In this no prejudice or bias has been permitted to intervene, nor any opinion of guilt or innocence expressed, but simply the testimony has been presented, which, if established by legitimate proof on a fair trial would make out a *prima facie* case, ever bearing in mind that the accused was entitled to the presumption of innocence until and unless he should be convicted by a trial upon evidence sufficient to establish the charge beyond a reasonable doubt.

In the performance of these duties I have carefully examined and digested the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization under the Atholl Charter of 1781 to the present time, and in this interesting yet arduous work the original Constitution and its amendments, and many statutes, resolutions, edicts and decisions of the Grand Lodge and of its important committees and of the Commissioners of Appeals have been compared. While differences and apparent divergencies have been discovered at various periods, in the main the proceedings have been consistent, and progress has been conservative and beneficial.

As a result of these investigations, it appears that our Book of Constitutions, through frequent amendments, has become a compilation not only of a Constitution but of statutes, resolutions and decisions.

A constitution is intended to be the organic law of a voluntary association, and should contain all that is vital, but nothing superfluous. It should not be open to frequent or easy amendment. It should be simple, well defined and easily understood, granting powers and imposing duties definitely and yet be sufficiently flexible by providing for delegation of powers, executive, legislative and judicial. The powers and duties of the corporation known as the "Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund" depend upon its charter, which is unaffected by the Constitution or its amendments. It is worthy of consideration whether the former custom of enacting statutes and adopting resolutions to cover temporary purposes and regulations should not take the place of such amendments, each Grand Lodge having the right to enact or repeal statutes or resolutions as the interests and policy of the fraternity shall from time to time require, leaving amendments of the Constitution to be adopted only after the most careful consideration by a vote of at least a majority, if not three-fourths, of the lodges, which latter percentage is required to impose a charge for the benefit of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

Our Code of Procedure is antiquated and complex. It unnecessarily limits offences. Complaints should not be encouraged in our Masonic counts which could be disposed of elsewhere. Its provisions as to practice and evidence are crude; in some respects inconsistent, defective and unintelligible

Under it the trial is required to be conducted like the trial of a criminal action in a secular court, unmindful of the lack of power of a Masonic court to issue mandates binding upon non-members and difficult of enforcement even against members of the fraternity.

The judicatory of the fraternity may discipline its members without outside interference, provided its procedure is followed and the member is afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Its punishments are in some respects more severe in their consequences than those inflicted by a judgment of a secular court. One convicted in a secular court may be pardoned and restored to citizenship, and in a different community conceal and outlive his past, but an expelled Mason bears the mark wherever he goes. Hence Masonic discipline should be invoked only when absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Craft.

I submit that the time is ripe for a competent commission to revise both our Constitution and Code of Procedure.

Investigation into attempts to organize clandestine Masonry has been made, among others one conceived in another State by a party who advertised in a New York newspaper giving to inquirers information by mail to whom application could be made to obtain clandestine degrees in the city of New York. Such efforts ceased after such investigation was instituted.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the two actions brought by Kortright Cruger against the Grand Lodge, one for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) damages for alleged libel, and one to restrain the enforcement of the penal code making clandestine operations felonies, have been tried during the past year. The former was tried in the Supreme Court before Hon. Victor J. Dowling, Presiding Justice, and a jury, and the complaint was dismissed at the close of Cruger's case. The latter was tried in the Circuit Court of the United States before Hon. George C. Holt, sitting in equity, who sustained our demurrer and granted judgment in our favor.

As a result, the Grand Lodge is for the first time in several years free from pending litigation.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved. That as guardians of the orphans of deceased brethren the Grand Lodge deems it its imperative duty to provide a more suitable home for their physical, mental and moral training ; therefore, be it further resolved that the Grand Master, together with the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, be, and hereby are, requested to take into consideration, with the assent of the donors, the application of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund as a fund for erecting on a suitable site an orphanage as a perpetual memorial to the memory of M. W. Bro. Tompkins.

In his notice of our Proceedings for 1906, Bro. Sherer says :

The Grand Master in his address shows that he has been a busy man during the year. He recounts the many visits he made to the various lodges, and is especially profuse in his praise of the courtesy shown him in New York at the session

of the Grand Lodge, and at the meeting of the Tompkins Memorial Committee in Madison Square Garden the Grand Master was taken care of by all the brethren of New York, but was under the special wing of Bro. Sutherland, who acted as special host to the distinguished visitor.

In his review of the Grand Lodges of Germany we find the following :

Continental Freemasonry in Europe since our last report has practically continued on the same lines of development which we have observed during the last decade. Of course, so important an event as the resumption of friendly relations between the Grand Lodges' Union and the Grand Lodge of France has brought forth radical consequences, prominent amongst which we would cite the chartering of the new lodge Goethe, in Paris. The work of this lodge will be conducted in the German language, as its membership principally consists of the German element which has taken up its abode in France for business and other reasons.

Everybody familiar with the German and French conditions in general must admit that the institution of this German lodge, on December 15th last, marked an epoch in the history of the two nations which one would have considered Utopian a few years ago. It is surely a victory which Freemasonry has won, and the French daily press very characteristically takes note of the incident with the remark that German Freemasonry has entered France on the same day on which the priests were expelled from their churches. It goes without saying that the good will and tolerance shown on this occasion in our sister republic will contribute their full share towards the improvement of the neighborly relations between the two great nations.

The custom prevailing in many of the French lodges, during the opening ceremonies, to call out the words "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite ?" has lately met with some opposition, and the *Revue Maconnique*, a French Masonic publication, vigorously attacks the continuance of this practice, blaming the lodges altogether for their emancipation from the solemn ritual and the increasing tendency to convert lodge meetings into profane communications ; only by strict upholding and practising of the ritual with their symbolic significance could the true Mason show his attachment to the fraternity, as these ceremonies alone form a distinct and visible tie between all the Freemasons of the globe, wheresoever dispersed.

It is also interesting to hear that the Paris lodge, *Athena*, formerly known as "*Les amis triomphants*," during the past two years has introduced Sunday entertainments, by which they try to assist the public high schools in their tasks ; it being proposed to enlighten the public in this way in regard to scientific and artistic questions and also in reference to Freemasonry. The usually good attendance at these Sunday meetings proves their popularity and augurs well for the success of the new movement.

We are much indebted to Bro. Sherer for the following valuable table of statistics :

GENERAL TABLE.

The following table shows the number last report at hand, and as compared with

	1906	
Alabama.....	16,667	
Arizona.....	1,191*	
Arkansas.....	16,155	
California.....	31,619	
Colorado.....	10,997	
Connecticut.....	19,346	
Delaware.....	2,668	
District of Columbia.....	7,365	
Florida.....	6,019	
Georgia.....	23,289	
Idaho.....	2,566	
Illinois.....	74,741	
Indiana.....	42,627	
Indian Territory.....	6,363	
Iowa.....	35,729	
Kansas.....	25,986	
Kentucky.....	26,992	
Louisiana.....	8,960	
Maine.....	9,307	
Maryland.....	11,067	
Massachusetts.....	46,790	
Michigan.....	51,871	
Minnesota.....	90,927	
Mississippi.....	12,244	
Missouri.....	40,983	
Montana.....	4,013	
Nebraska.....	14,719	
Nevada.....	1,000	
New Hampshire.....	9,565	
New Jersey.....	23,487	
New Mexico.....	1,484	
New York.....	139,206	
North Carolina.....	14,578	
North Dakota.....	5,153	
Ohio.....	61,636	
Oklahoma.....	5,976	
Oregon.....	7,322	
Pennsylvania.....	67,706	
Rhode Island.....	6,428	
South Carolina.....	7,937	
South Dakota.....	5,957	
Tennessee.....	19,420	
Texas.....	38,720	
Utah.....	1,213	
Vermont.....	11,535	
Virginia.....	15,848	
Washington.....	8,937	
West Virginia.....	10,121	
Wisconsin.....	21,251	
Wyoming.....	1,209	
Total.....	1,073,227	1,130,000
Alberta.....		1
British Columbia.....	2,859	3
Canada Ontario.....	35,000	37
New Brunswick.....	2,904	
Nova Scotia.....	4,417	4
Prince Edward Island.....	608	
Quebec.....	4,709	5.0
Manitoba.....	4,788	4.4
England.....		
Ireland.....		
Scotland.....		
New Zealand.....		7.7
South Australia.....		2.7
Tasmania.....		
Costa Rica.....		2
New South Wales.....		11.4
West Australia.....		2.5

* Not included in total.

Townsend Scudder (Glen Head), G. M.
Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

18th Communication, Invercargill, May 8th, 1907.

Lord Plunket, G. M.

They have 147 active lodges, with a membership of 8,500.

With regard to the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction we quote the following from the Board of General Purposes:

The Board has pleasure in congratulating Grand Lodge upon the continued activity and prosperity existing throughout the lodges under its jurisdiction, and the fine spirit pervading the fraternity.

The Grand Secretary reports that the returns have again been sent in with commendable promptitude, and that every appeal has met with a ready and generous response.

There has been a marked improvement in the work of Lodge Secretaries, and although these brethren may sometimes think Grand Lodge office is a little too particular, reflection will convince them that their work, as well as that of the office staff, will be much simplified by strict attention to detail.

The address of the Grand Master was given at the close of the meeting, and we quote his remarks on their relations with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland:

And now, leaving our personal affairs for a moment, I wish to express the gratification with which I view the improved position regarding our relations with the parent Grand Lodges. Thanks to the energy and tact of our distinguished Bro. Fowlds, the Grand Lodge of Scotland have heard from a brother Scot, plainly but temperately, our views. The respective sides parted with a higher opinion of each other, and the meeting must lead, sooner or later, to that understanding which we all so earnestly desire. The recent action of the Grand Lodge of England concerning a lodge of theirs in Westland is difficult to understand. That England was ill-advised I think is clear, but we cannot take official notice of their decision, which was, I am certain, come to with every intention to act fairly by their lodge. These unfortunate mistakes and misunderstandings must continue to crop up so long as there is divided control, weakening all Masonic power for good and constantly threatening that brotherly love and consideration one for another which should prevail. Yet, notwithstanding these constant pin-pricks, the relations of Masons of all Constitutions out here is wonderfully good and shows that we are all of us determined not to forget the ancient charge. "To cultivate brotherly love, the foundation and keystone, the

cement and glory of this ancient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and back-biting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices as far as is consistent with our honor."

It was agreed to join in a movement for a conference of Australasian Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Four new lodges were opened, and a number of the English lodges are desirous of giving up their English charters and joining the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

They have not yet adopted the Correspondence reports, but the matter is under consideration. In the appendix some extracts are given from the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and among them we find the historical address given by Bro. J. Ross Robertson in 1906.

Lord Plunkett, G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Auckland), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

120th Communication, Raleigh, January 8th, 1907.

F. D. Winston, G. M.

The Grand Master is fully satisfied with the success of the D. D. G. M. system :

The success that has attended the establishment of this office is very gratifying. The excellent work of this body of officials justifies the wisdom of the last Grand Lodge in creating the trust. Acting under your resolution, with the assistance of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, I divided the State into thirty Masonic districts, and have appointed and commissioned a deputy for each district. The work has been neglected in some instances. The office has gone begging in a few districts, but on the whole the departure is a great success. I consider it the main feature of the year's work. I here thank my faithful deputies for the conscientious work they have done. I have never wanted all of the glory of any enterprise, and cheerfully share with them the credit of a year of unusual Masonic activity and prosperity. As stated above, in a few instances I have not been able to get efficient service in some of the districts. Time will cure these defects. I expect to see the office grow in dignity, in importance and in usefulness. It should be a stepping stone to the honor of the Craft and to its great responsibilities. The reports that have been made will be referred with this address to the proper committee.

Twelve new lodges were granted dispensations.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum continues its excellent work. The receipts from tours of the Singing Class

amounted to the large sum of over \$7,200.00. There are over 280 children in this Home.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Alpina.

Bro. John A. Collins reviews our Proceedings for 1906 and remarks that the address of Grand Master Burritt is a wonderfully well written Masonic paper, in which he gives a lucid account of the most important acts of his administration.

F. D. Winston (Windsor), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

18th Communication, Grand Forks, June 25th, 1907.

Grant S. Hager, G. M.

The Grand Master regrets that owing to the severity of the winter and the consequent disorganization of the railway traffic, he was unable to visit as many lodges as he had intended to. The same unfortunate circumstance happened to the Grand Lecturer.

Speaking on the condition of the fraternity in this jurisdiction he says :

At the organization of this Grand Lodge, June 12-13, 1889, at Mitchell, South Dakota, there were 31 lodges in North Dakota, with a total membership of 1,322. There has been a steady growth of both lodges and members, until now, when we have a total of 78 chartered lodges with 5,829 members, and 5 lodges U. D., with a membership of 111, or a total of 83 lodges and 5,940 members. This shows a gain of 52 lodges and 4,618 members. In all this time no lodge within the jurisdiction has surrendered its charter, and in no year has the growth of membership fallen below a healthy increase.

During the five years last past we have established 17 new lodges and gained 1,942 members, or an annual increase of more than three new lodges and practically 390 members.

Five dispensations for new lodges were granted.

The Grand Lodge decided to appropriate 25 per cent. of the annual net receipts to the fund for the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The offices of Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor were combined. This official is to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction at least once in every two years, audit their books, and hold Schools of Instruction.

John Riesbeck (Dickinson), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

42nd Communication, Halifax, Jun
Charles Reynolds Smith, G. M.

In accordance with their usual c
after the Grand Lodge was opened
formed and they repaired to St. Paul
special service was held and a sermon
G. C. Wallis, G. C.

In the afternoon of the same day
delivered his annual address. He con
official visitations and was indefatiga
for the welfare of the Craft.

He has the following on the state
jurisdiction:

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tion one of my respected predecessors, s
sented a statement of membership down

In that year the total membership was

"	1904	"	"
"	1905	"	"
"	1906	"	"
"	1907	"	"

The above statement is certainly mo
shows that, notwithstanding the many e
which we are surrounded, Freemasonry is
and we trust in the affection of the publ
served, the last two years have showed
thus evidencing a greater interest on th
and their members an interest and activi
long continue. I do not want it understa
increase of members everything. Far fro
necessary that new members should be
our society should live, still it is quality
we are seeking. But at the same time
knowledge, I feel justified in saying tha
our lodges is composed of the very best m
ent sections of the Province, and such as

The Masonic Fair netted a handsom
sonic Home Endowment Fund, which
about \$21,000.00.

Judging from the following extra
to obtain the correct New York work

At the last regular communication of
the work of the three degrees had been be
by a committee from Truro Lodge, No. 4
passed, as follows:

Resolved. That Grand Lodge adopt the
by the Committee, i. e., that Ancient Yo
in New York, as the authorized work of

In pursuance of this resolution I have endeavored to obtain a certified copy of the New York work, but was unable to do so. We were informed that they had no written or printed work of which they could give a certified copy, but if this Grand Lodge sent a delegation to New York they would be most happy to convey the work "from mouth to ear." Not feeling justified in incurring this expense nothing further was done in the matter, and it is once more before Grand Lodge to deal with it.

A curious complication arose on the withdrawal of the regular troops from Halifax. The situation is thus stated:

Some years ago, and when the regular forces were stationed at Halifax, an arrangement was made whereas this lodge, holding its charter under the Grand Lodge of England, and consisting solely of non-commissioned officers of H. M. service and brethren who leave the service but still retain their membership, should have the exclusive right to receive these persons into their lodge, but not civilians. On the other hand, by this unwritten law, the city lodges would not accept for membership any of the class mentioned, recognizing them to be the exclusive property of Royal Standard. This arrangement remained in effect until the removal of the forces from Halifax a few years ago, and, so far as I am aware, worked satisfactorily. Now a new order of things has come about, and the Canadian militia has taken the place of the regular army, by the removal of which many good and faithful members of Royal Standard have left Halifax and their ranks very materially depleted. Under these circumstances a memorial was presented to me from Royal Standard asking that this same arrangement, or unwritten law, go into effect and hold good as to the Canadian militia the same as it was previously operative in connection with H. M. forces. While most anxious to meet the wishes of our brethren of Royal Standard, and to continue the cordial relations which had always existed between them and the members of our own jurisdiction for reasons fully set out in my letter to Royal Standard, I was obliged to refuse their request. I pointed out to them that if the time ever did exist for such an arrangement, in my judgment that time was now past; that, Masonically speaking I did not think it right, fair or Masonic to debar a candidate from selecting, under the Constitution, what lodge he would wish to join, and, on the other hand, it struck me as very arbitrary to say to a candidate that he must join a certain lodge or none at all. I further pointed out that I could not and would not grant any such exclusive privilege as Royal Standard asked for to one of my own lodges and what I would most decidedly refuse to them I could hardly be expected to grant to a lodge holding its charter under another Grand Lodge, notwithstanding that was the Grand Lodge of England, for which we all entertained the very highest respect and esteem. And while fully recognizing the love and attachment the remaining members of Royal Standard felt for their Mother Grand Lodge, with all due deference and respect to the Grand Lodge of Eng-

land, I expressed the hope that before long the good brethren of Royal Standard might see their way clear to become one with ourselves and work under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, promising them a most cordial welcome and hearty reception.

Under the heading of the "Good of the Craft," Bro. Smith has the following very sensible remarks :

Then again in this, as unfortunately in other jurisdictions, we have too many dimitted Masons. If the society were good enough to join surely it is good enough for all to retain membership. While it is quite true that we are not allowed to canvass for new members, for which we should be grateful, there is no Masonic law that I know of against soliciting unaffiliated Masons to return to the fold to active and useful work. We want them back, and if they only realized it, besides fulfilling their solemn obligations, they would be better men and Masons by actively identifying themselves with their respective lodges. Seek them out, brethren, and bring them home. Again, there is the social element among members and in the lodges which must not be lost sight of. Happily I have reason for knowing that of late these social gatherings and fraternal visitations are not so rare as in days gone by. This is a move in the right direction and one I have always encouraged. It is not by any means a mistake, once in a while, to have an "At Home," or some other social function in our lodge rooms to which the ladies can be invited. We are not thereby "playing to the galleries," neither are we seeking publicity, for the experience of the past year shows that the ladies, in the goodness of their hearts, are deeply interested in our work. Encourage, then, my brethren, this interest, for anything which appeals to the heart of noble womanhood is for good and will be of lasting advantage.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

Charles Reynolds Smith (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax, G. S.

OHIO.

98th Communication, Canton, October 16th, 1907.

Horace A. Irvin, G. M.

The Grand Master thinks they are making too many Masons. We quote as follows :

By comparison with previous years this seems to be but little more than a normal increase. I can not avoid this feeling, however, that some of our lodges measure prosperity more by the number of admissions than by the quality of them. Brethren, we are making too many Masons. Many of our lodges, especially our city lodges, are too large. There can be no spirit of fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance or close personal contact. There is no Masonry where

there is no fraternity. I would rather belong to a small lodge, doing a limited amount of work each year, where all remembered and practised the five points of fellowship, than belong to a lodge of from five hundred to a thousand members, every one of whom were students of Masonic philosophy, but too engrossed in the study of it to remember the meeting night of their lodge or the names of its officers. More fraternity and less ancient history; more knocks at the homes of your less fortunate brethren and fewer knocks at the doors of your preparation rooms, will promote the healthiest kind of growth in our lodges and the fullest realization of the high ideals of Masonry.

The members of the Eastern Star, realizing the need of a hospital in connection with their Masonic Home, built and furnished a beautiful building and presented it to the Trustees.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The centennial celebration of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio will be held in Cincinnati on the 21st of October, 1908.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham gives us another of his super-excellent reports on Correspondence, and we quote his opening remarks on Masonic Symbolism :

Masonic Symbolism.

There's not a flower of spring
That dies ere June but vaults itself allied
By issue and symbol, by significance
And correspondence, to that spirit world
Outside the limits of our space and time,
Whereto we are bound.—Mrs. Browning.

Physical Perfection.

"And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."—Gen. 1., 27.

Man having been created in the image and likeness of God, it follows that the highest Masonic Symbolism is involved in the person. Physical perfection, therefore, in the candidate, except in its lower signification, does not refer merely to the adaptability of the operative apprentice to manual labor, but, in its highest symbolism, corresponds to the divine humanity of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe and to heaven. An eminent writer, scientist and seer has stated "that heaven as a whole is like one man," and that as "all of life is from the Lord, . . . the whole heaven corresponds to this Divine Human, and consequently that all angels, spirits and men correspond to heaven."

The correspondence of the whole heaven with the Divine Human, and of men as individuals with the heavens is, therefore, the highest type in symbolism, and its knowledge and appreciation the highest attainment in the search after truth or the lost "word." In this connection the very beautiful

symbolisms of the human body and its p
 tive applications to the lessons and c
 masonry are especially apparent in the f
 ence to a few prominent features from
 Correspondences of Baron Swedenborg.

As the human body clothes, invests
 the body corresponds to Man; and as cor
 three-fold signification and are the analo
 and lower plane, all the parts and organ
 special and symbolic signification, in bo
 sense. In briefly considering a few of
 signification, the necessity and justice o
 tion requiring the proposed Apprentice (C
 man, free born, of lawful age, and withou
 least such as would prevent his complia
 ternal help or appliances, with every req
 monies of Initiation or advancement, will

The Head corresponds to wisdom, in
 understanding, and, as it represents the
 lates to love and wisdom. The Mouth s
 course, and ability of teaching. The T
 teach. The Ear corresponds to obedien
 fles influx and conjunction and the comm
 principles. The Breast, containing th
 symbolizes goodness and truth. The Righ
 to the spiritual affection of good, and th
 sponds to the spiritual affection of truth.
 senting love and charity, "corresponds
 dom of the Lord," and the Lungs symbo
 understanding," and corresponds to "thos
 the neighbor." The Back represents e
 denotes power; Arms, spiritual power, a
 power. The Hand signifies external pow
 tellectual power, power of faith, and pow
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 particulars of skill. The Palm correspo
 affection. The Knee symbolizes conju
 natural and spiritual; bending the knee,
 adoration. The Legs correspond to nat
 and Feet signify natural good conjoined to
 Feet correspond to the natural man; the
 of his faculties; the Heel is the symbol o
 the natural, and the Skin corresponds to

To the thoughtful Mason the applicat
 to the most impressive esoteric lesson o
 will be of especial value for a more con
 of the beauty and impressiveness of its ri

He devotes four pages to a review
 for 1906. We quote his concluding r

In the conclusion of the report of you
 eign Correspondence last year the Freem
 congratulated that clandestinism is rap
 this grand jurisdiction, and that petition

being received from some among the most desirable persons who had been deceived into joining their bogus bodies.

This feature is still more pronounced the current year. The iron-clad enactments of the New York Legislature against frauds, clandestinism and the use of fraternity titles, etc., to which not entitled, and the decisions of the courts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere against their pretences are doubtless causing the desertion and renunciation of its leaders, as many of whom who were most prominent in promoting and promulgating the bogus concern and selling its degrees, and who had been expelled from Freemasonry, are now anxiously seeking for restoration and reinstatement.

In their list of so-called lodges in this State it is probable that, as claimed, not one of them is in active operation.

George D. Copeland (Marion), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OREGON.

57th Communication, Portland, June 12th, 1907.

W. T. Williamson, G. M.

Bro. Williamson, being a Canadian, it is hardly necessary for us to say that his work was well performed. He laid a number of corner stones, visited several lodges, appointed Grand Representatives, opened new lodges at Dupur and Junction City, and generally performed his multifarious duties in a manner fully satisfactory to his brethren. Born August 6th, 1850, at Peterboro, Ontario, moved to Beaverton, there attending the public schools; then took a course at the Institute at Barrie; later, in 1872, moved to Portland, Oregon, remaining there practically since.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. J. M. Hodson, we are glad to find, agrees with us on several points, notably on the question of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Speaking of life membership Bro. Hodson says:

Personally we do not believe in life membership, besides just think of the solid satisfaction he has lost by not having to walk up to the Secretary's desk at least once a year and digging up the necessary amount. We think a receipt for dues of late date the very best documentary evidence which can be produced; and if we were on an examining committee a good fresh one would be a "powerful extenuating circumstance" in favor of an otherwise rusty visitor.

Lot L. Pearce (Salem), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1907.

George W. Kendrick, Jr., G. M.

Addresses were delivered by both the retiring Grand Master and his successor, Bro. George B. Orlady. In the former we find the following on their charities :

Our Masonic Home, through the continued generous acts of the brethren, has increased the scope of its work and its power for good. This great charity has been created and maintained principally and primarily through the active and persistent efforts of a comparatively small number of our brethren, and I trust that the Grand Lodge, in its anxiety to be just as well as generous, will give more freely to the great work thus performed, in the future than it has done in the past.

With our Masonic Home, the William L. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls, and the contemplated Thomas R. Patton Orphanage, splendid strides have been made in outward exemplification of our inward faith and belief in charity. In this connection, I express with confidence the hope that in the near future that part of our receipts which has been turned toward the payment and cancellation of our bonded indebtedness will be diverted to Grand Lodge charities.

From the latter we quote the following referring to the death of Bro. Thomas R. Patton, who was Grand Treasurer for 34 years :

He provided by his last will and testament that this Grand Lodge should be made the trustee of a fund which aggregates more than a million of dollars, to be held for investment and accumulation for twelve years, and then to be at the disposal of this body for the erection and maintenance of an institution for the support of male orphan children of Master Masons.

The surplus of \$11,200 returned from California has been turned over to an emergency fund to be used in case of a similar disaster elsewhere.

Very considerable progress has been made in every department of their library, the collection of books, antiquities and jewels has been rearranged. Among other things a public reference case has been installed and equipped, and during the year a chronological display of historic aprons and Masonic clothing has been made. We also quote as follows :

A series of colored views has been prepared under the direction of the committee showing the various places of meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge from 1769 to the present day. These now form the complete collection, as follows :

Lodge room in Videll's Alley, second street below Chestnut, west side, 1769-1790.

City Tavern, Second street, southwest corner of Moravian street, occupied temporarily during the American Revolution.

Meeting House of the Free Quakers, southwest corner of Fifth and Arch streets, 1790-1799.

State House, Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, 1800-1802.

Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, Filbert street, above Eighth street, south side, 1802-1810 and 1819-1820.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, 1811-1819.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut street (rebuilt), 1820-1835.

Washington Hall, Third street, above Spruce street, west side, 1835-1855.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut street (third), 1855-1873.

Masonic Temple, northeast corner of Broad and Filbert streets, 1873 to the present time.

These views are on exhibition in the library.

Brother James M. Lamberton reviews our proceedings for 1907 in his review on Correspondence. In his notice on Maryland he says :

In reply, we may say that nothing in the very early minutes of the lodge to which we belong which is not so very modern (it was constituted in 1779), give us any reason to think that there was anything but one ballot for the three degrees, and our oldest living Past Master tells us that he never knew of but one ballot for the three degrees. Our librarian, Bro. Sachse, tells us that so far as he recalls, there is nothing in any of the old minute books in his care that belonged to "the Ancients," since about 1757, showing more than one ballot for degrees. He showed us, however, in the minutes of a "modern" lodge, "the lodge at the Tun Tavern in Water street, Philadelphia, covering the period from June 28, 1749, to June 27, 1755," that regularly a ballot was taken for each degree and a fourth for membership.

George B. Orlady (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

32nd Communication, Charlottetown, June 24, 1907.

W. K. Rogers, G. M.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote the following :

It has been my great privilege during the year to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction at least once, and some of them several times, and I am pleased to report to you that with but one exception they are all prospering, nearly every lodge having increased its membership. the nett gain for the year being 30, and from what I know of the new membership it is such as should add greatly to the strength of our institution. I am also glad to report that the relations between the brethren and

the different lodges are of the best, and that our relations with other grand jurisdictions are of the most friendly nature.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Lodges, 16; membership, 665; increase, 30.

W. K. Rogers (Charlottetown), G. M.

Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

37th Communication, Montreal, February 13, 1907.

David A. Manson, G. M.

Masonry in Quebec parallels the prosperity and activity of the country. The future of both is full of fair-est promise.

The Grand Master refused to approve a lodge by-law providing that the committee on enquiry on candidates for initiation should be a secret one. He says:

The advantages of this measure are not apparent. It would create a division in the lodge by excluding members from a knowledge of its proceedings. It would conceal from members the composition of a committee, whose report should guide them in casting their ballots. It would proclaim a Masonic lodge unworthy of its own confidence. It does not appear in harmony with the spirit or letter of the Constitution.

An occurrence worthy of note is thus described by Bro. Manson:

On the 10th of July it was my great pleasure to attend a meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 10, held in honor of M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson's Masonic jubilee. There were present a large number of distinguished Masons, who had assembled on this occasion to do honor to the venerable chieftain, among whom may be mentioned M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, G. M. of Canada; Senator Ellis, of Nova Scotia; Senator Gibson, of Ontario; J. B. Tressider, T. P. Butler, I. H. Stearns, R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, and many other Grand Lodge officers.

Among the notable incidents of the occasion were the presentation, to the distinguished guest, of a handsome oil painting of himself, life size, which will serve in perpetuity as a reminder of one who has devoted his life to the interests of the Craft. This was accompanied by an illustrated address, a work of rare elegance and beauty, a gold watch, suitably inscribed, with chain, and a well filled purse of gold. These were each in turn feelingly acknowledged by the M. W. brother.

The events of the day were crowned by a banquet at the Windsor Hotel. St. George's lodge did itself honor by the admirable arrangements made for celebrating Col. Stevenson's fiftieth year in the fraternity.

A new lodge was opened in Montreal to work in the French language.

Rejoicings were in order over the successful completion of the negotiations for the exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of England, Earl Amherst, the Pro-Grand Master of England, accepting the position in England, and Sir Melbourne M. Tait, P. G. M., the like in Quebec. The honorary rank of Past Grand Master of Quebec was conferred upon Sir Edward Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, and Bro. John Strachan, the Grand Registrar of England.

Following this exchange of representatives, one of the three English lodges in Montreal, St. Lawrence, No. 640, E. R., severed its connection with England and joined the Grand Lodge of Quebec. A large number of the members attended the Grand Lodge in a body and were cordially welcomed. Honorary Past Grand rank was conferred on five of the officers.

An oil portrait of himself was presented to M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, P. G. M., and Grand Treasurer for over 25 years, in recognition of his distinguished services to the Craft. Bro. Stearns was absent through illness, it being the first time in 34 years that he was not present in Grand Lodge.

In his notice of the Grand Lodge of Alpina (Switzerland), Bro. E. T. D. Chambers has the following:

The Alpina Grand Lodge of Switzerland has never been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, nor do we know of any reason why it should be, so long as it continues to fraternize with bodies which lack the essential characteristics of Freemasonry. There is, therefore, every reason to fear that the so-called Masonry of the Alpina holds somewhat loose ideas itself as to what constitutes genuine Freemasonry. Under ordinary circumstances it would not be considered advisable to notice in this report any of the publications issued by the Alpina Grand Lodge of alleged Freemasonry. These have been referred to us, however, in the usual manner, and we consider it a duty not to enter into a general review of the proceedings of a body so far unrecognized by us, but at least to notice an American endorsement of the Swiss movement inaugurated by the Grand Alpina, which appears to us to be a cause for very deep regret. In one of the publications of the Alpina we find the following alleged quotation from the American Tyler and Keystone of the 20th May last.

"An International Masonic Congress is to be held at Rome. The one at Geneva in 1902 was not represented by a single American Grand Lodge. This state of things should change at the next Congress. Our brethren in Europe have been

sufficiently put on their guard against the irregular and clandestine Masonic powers, and the irregular organizations will not receive invitations. We should like to see at Rome a representative of every Grand Lodge in America, and we firmly believe that great and enduring benefits would result for American Masonry."

In our opinion there is no reason why any legitimate Grand Lodge in the world should allow itself to be mixed up with the company in which the Roman Congress will find itself, or even with the Grand Lodge (so-called) Alpina itself. The coming Congress is to be held in Rome on the invitation of the Grand Orient of Italy—a body so lost to all sense of the main principles of the Masonic fraternity that just before the severance of relations between it and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, among others, some few years ago, at the instance of the present writer, we had been importuned by the late Adriano Lemmi, signing himself Grand Master, to send representatives to Rome to assist the Grand Orient in celebrating the jubilee of the defeat of the Papal power by the Garibaldian troops.

The company in which the Alpina Grand Lodge finds itself may be judged by its own report of the answers received from the different Grand Bodies with which it corresponds, to the question, "On what basis, according to you, can one place oneself in order to decide that a Masonic corps must be considered regular?" "The precise answers," says the writer of the Bulletin, "may be divided into several groups. Some—the minority—base Masonic regularity on a belief in the G. A. O. T. U. Thus: Every lodge or Grand Lodge that does not acknowledge the G. A. O. T. U., and does not make use of the Bible or some other sacred book, according to their faith, is considered irregular by our Grand Lodge." But mark this point: only the minority of those with whom the Grand Lodge Alpina corresponded on this subject expressed their belief in the necessity for the presence of the Great Light of Masonry upon the altars of the lodges. Do any of the American Grand Lodges wish to fraternize with those who count amongst the majority of their so-called Masonic friends and correspondents, those whose Masonic light is only darkness visible, since it is unilluminated by the light which is from above, and whose so-called lodges are assemblies of men deprived of the first essential of Masonic regularity? Yet we find no word of protest against such a belief on the part of the Alpina, but rather the contention that it is possible to effect a union between all who profess the name of Masonry, irrespective of the original landmarks and main principles of the fraternity, saving only those "so-called Masonic corps of spontaneous information, which have copied the titles, the organization and the symbolism of Masonic rites," together with those corps which were originally regular and have been legally excluded from the Masonic communion, "until such time as they may become regular again, if the reason for exclusion should disappear."

That no great importance is attached by the members of the Alpina to the important question to which we have directed attention is manifest from the statement, unaccom-

panied by any protest, that "for some minds, Masonic regularity or irregularity is based essentially on the question of the formula of the G. A. O. T. U. being admitted or not." Where union is sought by or with so-called Masons holding free and easy views on this most important subject, or temporizing with such opinions in any way, it should be peremptorily declined by all legitimate Masonry.

The writer of the Alpina Bulletin announces that he received only 70 answers to over 250 circulars addressed to the Grand Lodges of the world, and adds: "The majority, therefore, did not reply. Why?" We trust we have made it plain enough why responses were not forthcoming from the legitimate Grand Lodges of Masonry. Let the seekers after such Masonic recognition first establish their own Masonic regularity and then purge themselves from the reproach of fraternizing with Grand Orientes and other irregular and spurious Freemasonry.

Bro. Chambers thinks that if three lodges in a territory form a Grand Lodge "irrespective of the wishes of a very large majority of the lodges in the territory, the way is open for serious trouble." Doubtless. But that is altogether a different proposition from the one we denied, namely, that it was absolutely necessary to the formation of a new Grand Lodge that a majority of the lodges in the territory should join in the formation.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive kindly mention.

Lodges, 61 ; members, 5,488 ; increase, 488.

George O. Stanton (Montreal), G. M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

QUEENSLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Brisbane, Sept. 10, 1906.

G. S. Hutton, G. M.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we learn that one new lodge was organized.

Recognition has been accorded them by four more Grand Lodges, making a total of 19 to date.

The Grand Secretary reported that the appeal to the Metropolitan lodges, on behalf of the Hospital collection, had resulted in £80 being obtained.

Special Communication. Brisbane, Nov. 20, 1906.

This communication was held for the purpose of installing Lord Chelmsford as Grand Master. The installation ceremony was performed by the Grand Master of Western Australia, Bro. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley. He was presented for his services with a maul, upon

which was affixed a five pointed star in gold, with a suitable inscription thereon.

Some of the points in his address are clever and apropos:

The Most Wor. the Grand Master of Western Australia delivered the following address. Most Wor. Grand Master, W. Brothers and Brethren:—It would have been more in accord with my own personal feelings had I not been called upon to deliver an address this evening, for although my heart goes out to you in the trouble through which you are passing, and although I have come a long way to be present at this function, yet I know perfectly well how easy it is to cause trouble, and to increase trouble, by the saying of a word which may not mean, or be intended to mean, the construction put upon it. We in Western Australia have had to pass through this trouble, and, therefore, we are in sympathy with those who are striving to build up a Grand Lodge in Queensland—(applause)—and just as we believe that we are getting through our troubles and are prospering, so we hope that within a short time you will see an end of your troubles. (Applause.)

Now, when we began the idea of forming a Grand Lodge in Western Australia we looked round to see what rules there were for forming Grand Lodges, and it may be interesting to some of you to know that, as far as we could find out, there were no rules anywhere. (Applause and laughter.) Therefore, of course, to say that a lodge is not regularly formed is to say that there were some rules by which the regularity could have been proclaimed, but as far as we can find out there were no rules at all. We found with regard to some Grand Lodges, one Grand Lodge was formed by one or two, others have been formed by minorities, others have been formed by majorities, and, as far as we can make out, each Grand Lodge seemed to act upon its own recommendation; and, for our own part, of course we do not think it is quite fair, after the establishment of a Grand Lodge, that other Grand Lodges should make rules which shall be supposed to be binding upon those who had already formed a Grand Lodge. (Applause.) We are all, and personally I am very anxious that Masons shall be able in this part of the world to manage their own affairs—(applause)—and, of course, we know that it is like going out from the old home. Some of us do not like forming a Grand Lodge and cutting off ourselves from our old home in Masonry. Neither does a girl or boy, when they leave home to be married, like going away from the old home, though they are going to start a new home of their own. And you know there are some mothers-in-law who are always interfering. (Laughter and applause.) There are some parents who, because they love their children so much, do not wish them to leave home; and there are other parents who, because they do not like to lose that which the children bring in, do not like them to leave home. However, most parents—I dare say there are a good many listening to me here—though they proclaim willingly that they do not like to lose their children, yet, at the same time, there are very few who

do not like to see them established in matrimony and having a good home of their own before they shuffle off this mortal coil. So I think any Grand Lodge ought to be only too delighted when they have established their children in a distant land, to see them grown so strong, so self-reliant, so self-dependent, that they are able to establish their own Grand Lodge and go on their way as a free and independent body. (Applause.) Now, I hope I have not said too much on that particular score, but you can quite understand the position that we are in in Western Australia and that you are in here. Personally, I believe there is no body of men in the world who are so loyal to the old country, whether it be England or Ireland or Scotland from which they have come, as the Masons of Australia—(applause)—and we do not want to do one thing, or to say one word, that will give the slightest possible trouble to the old home. Now I have said quite enough upon that.

From the address of the new Grand Master we quote the following:

I shall not refer to the past history of our Grand Lodge, as this was most fully dealt with on the occasion of its inauguration, but I am happy to say that up to the present time twenty-two Grand Lodges have recognized our Constitution, and Time, the great healer, will undoubtedly effect its work as men come more fully to recognize the purity of our motives and the singlemindedness of our aims. (Applause.)

Our charity fund, too, shows the determination on the part of our brethren to keep before their eyes the real objects of Masonry. It stands for the two years of our existence at £600, whilst £200 has been granted to necessitous brethren and widows, and the sum of £80 was donated to the Brisbane Hospital last month. I shall not compare this sum with the sums received in other bodies, for the old proverb holds good—comparisons are odious—and our duty is to keep before our minds our own obligations, and not flatter our pride by drawing invidious comparisons, which may be misleading, and are certainly ungenerous.

Five additional recognitions were reported at the quarterly meeting held March 11th, 1907.

The Grand Master nominated himself as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Three new lodges were instituted at Cairns, Nambour and Brisbane.

Lodges. 51; membership about 1,800.

Lord Chelmsford, G. M.

C. H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

117th Communication, Providence, May 20th, 1907.
Walter Ackman Presbrey, G. M.

From the Grand Master's address we quote the following paragraph :

In the early fall I looked forward with pleasant anticipations to a number of official visitations to various lodges, whose Masters had requested my attendance, but, owing to ill-health I was unable to accept. It was my pleasure to visit, officially, Orpheus Lodge, October, 1906 ; and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Providence, April, 1907 ; in the latter, my home lodge, I had the exceptional pleasure of presiding for the purpose of making my brother a Mason. I have visited, unofficially, Mt. Moriah, Nestell, Barney Merry, Roger Williams, and Harmony lodges, and at both the official and unofficial visits I have been most cordially received, and the work performed was most creditable, satisfying me that the ambition to excel in the thoughtful interpretation of our work still prevails among the lodges.

One of his decisions was that a dimit could not be granted to an officer of a lodge during his term of office.

A special communication was held on the 23rd of June to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in Providence, at which the usual musical exercises were held and oratorical addresses delivered.

Arthur Herbert Armington (Providence), G. M.
S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan naturally followed the organization of that Province, its remarkable growth and the consequent increase in the number of Masonic lodges.

A convention was held at Prince Albert on May 25th, 1906, at which a majority of the lodges in the Province were represented, and a resolution was passed to form a Grand Lodge for the Province.

The organization meeting was held at Regina on August 9th, 1906. Out of 28 lodges in the Province, 25 were represented, and the proceedings were practically unanimous. The name decided on is the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Canada.

A provisional Constitution was adopted.

Kinistino lodge at Prince Albert, the oldest lodge in the Province, was allowed to have special regalia.

The annual meetings are to be held on the third Wednesday in June, and the first meeting was fixed for Prince Albert. The Province was divided into seven districts.

The Grand Officers were installed by the Grand Master of Manitoba, assisted by two Past Grand Masters.

We extend our congratulations and a cordial welcome.

H. H. Campkin (Indian Head), G. M.

Dr. J. M. Shaw (Regina), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

At the Quarterly Communication held May 2nd, 1907, charters were granted to three new lodges, two of them in the Transvaal.

A District Grand Lodge was erected in Hawaii.

A bust of the Immediate Past Grand Master, the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, was ordered for Grand Lodge, and he was presented with a jewel.

Quarterly Communication, August 1st, 1907.

The Master, the Deputy Master, the Junior Warden and the Chaplain of a lodge in Queensland were expelled, presumably for joining the new Grand Lodge there, and six new lodges in Queensland were granted charters. Why the Grand Lodge of Scotland should thus continue to cause strife and bitterness between the brethren it is difficult to understand. The teachings of brotherly love, to say nothing of those of ordinary justice and fair play, seem to have no effect in Scotland, especially when the "bawbees" are concerned.

A charter was granted to a new lodge at Punta Arenas, in the Straits of Magellan.

Quarterly Communication, November 7, 1907.

Charters were granted to new lodges in Orange River Colony, Chili, Manilla (Phillipine Islands), and Simla in India, and another in Queensland.

The annual communication for the installation of officers was held at Govan November 20th, 1907.

Sir Thomas Carmichael, G. M.

The festival of St. Andrew was duly celebrated by a banquet.

On Grand Lodge being opened after dinner the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to. We quote

the replies to the toast of the Naval and Military Forces of the Empire:

The Right Hon. the Earl of Cassillis, in reply, said: I suppose I ought to reply for the Navy first, as being the first line of defence. It was my privilege to be lately at the review of the fleet at Cowes, and a most imposing fleet it was. We were assured that the ships were better than they had ever been before, and that they were a match for any two powers. With regard to the Volunteers, the new order is that they have to fire chiefly at disappearing targets. I suppose that is because in South Africa we had very often to fire at the Boers, who were invisible targets. We have been told that there is nothing between the new army scheme and conscription, and I may also say that there is nothing between our keeping up our naval and military forces and destruction. Well, whatever our opinion may be about this new scheme, we have to support it and do our best to make it successful. (Applause.)

The Most Honourable the Marquis of Tillibardine, in response to repeated calls for a speech, said: I thought when I came here to-night I should have only one speech to make, and that would be a very simple one. It certainly never struck me that I should have to reply to the toast of the Army, which has been already so ably responded to and its good qualities so well expatiated upon by the brother on my right. Well brethren, the present time is one of those particular moments when one who happens to be a soldier particularly wishes to make no remarks about the army in general, especially as I have had the distinguished honor conferred upon me—and I am sure it is one which has not been sought—of being appointed chairman of the Perthshire Territorial Association. However, I would only say this—that I am a soldier, and that I place anything that has to do with the army far above any politics. I am perfectly willing to take up any scheme without prejudice, and I shall always do my best to make it successful if it is possible at all. And, personally speaking, I shall work as hard as I can for this scheme. At the same time, one does have a certain amount of misgiving when one sees good regiments and good battalions disbanded, and nothing being done to take their place—(applause)—but there is no more long-headed man in this country than Mr. Haldane, and we have a very good committee at the War Office at present, and I am perfectly certain that they would not bring forward a scheme if they thought that it was to be to the detriment of the forces of this country. Perhaps we do not see it in that light at present, but I do hope that it will work out all right in the long run. Personally, I may be permitted to say that I think this territorial scheme is a little bit too parochial and I would rather have seen it bigger and more counties included in one territorial association. Take my own force, the Scotch Horse. It has got to serve in five different county associations, probably all with different ideas of finance, and I cannot help thinking that before long we shall see an amalgamation of several associations into one group. Before we criticize this scheme, let us give it a chance, and if it is

going to hang, let it hang itself. (Laughter.) Well, brethren, I won't say anything further, except that I do think the army is improving, and is better than it has been for very many years. Every day it is getting more professional, and people are taking a keener interest in it in this country, and by degrees I hope that we shall become a military nation, which, I am sorry to say, we are not at present. I cannot see why we should not be. I have spent the most of my days in the army, and before that in the militia and volunteers, and I cannot see why every young man should not be taught to be a soldier. I do not say that I am an advocate of conscription or anything of the sort, but I would like to see every young man between 17 and 20 obliged to go into the volunteers for three years. I cannot see how it would harm him, and I am certain that it would do him and his country a great deal of good and would also be fairer in every way upon those who at present are prepared to do what lies in their power to learn to defend the land of their birth. (Applause.)

In the speech of the Grand Master we find an interesting statement of the condition of the Grand Lodge:

Bro. Duncan further told you that it was my duty to tell you how Freemasonry was prospering, and I believe that is my duty. The Grand Secretary, among the many kind actions which he performs, always supplies the Grand Master with figures for this occasion, and to-night I cannot say that I feel at all ashamed of the figures with which he has supplied me. I find that the grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by 10,112 members, as compared with 9,534 last year, and that the income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £10,325, as against £9,787 in the previous year—an increase of £538. In 1906 the income of Grand Lodge was £9,787, and the expenditure £3,428. This year the income is £10,325, and the expenditure £4,493. During 1907 the grants from the Benevolent Fund have amounted to £939, and the annuities to £2,370. Brethren, I have never lost an opportunity of impressing upon you the importance of the Annuity Fund, urging you to do all you can to increase the power of Grand Lodge to do its duty in benevolence and in granting annuities. We have heard that the Provincial Grand Master of this province has not been behind hand in impressing upon us the duty which Grand Lodge owes to the Masons of Scotland in the way of charity, and I hope that he will help me in impressing upon you to do all you can for these charities. Since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1889 the sum of £25,400 has been paid in annuities, and the amount contributed this year to the fund by daughter lodges amounted to £1,284, as compared with £1,280 last year. That is a small advance, only £4, and I am not so proud of that as I would like to be. I would like to see it further advanced. When you increase your numbers up to 10,000, as compared with 9,000, I think that the figures might be a little more than £4. It is my duty to point out where I think there ought to be an advance in finance as well as in numbers, and I think it is my duty to point out that any defect that may exist is not due to my own lodge. I expect that every one of you thinks

it is not the fault of your own lodge but else, and I hope that you are perfectly right on that score. I always think that try and get all the income you can, and so can. I don't think the Grand Lodge can than that. I will do my best to help you amounts to £38,326, the Benevolent Fund Annuity Fund to £47,472—making a grand funds of £95,011, exclusive of the hereditary, which is valued at £25,200. A Lodge of Scotland and the Scottish Craft unprecedented prosperity. (Applause.) tinue. Then I get away from finance, fact that charters have been issued to I am glad to say we have a new one in Midlothian, and I believe that I am in being the Provincial Grand Master who lodge in Scotland, and I am a little hope have a younger.

Now, brethren, I have dealt with the speech, and I must get on and thank you night. This is a new departure for Glasgow. (Applause.) I hope you don't wrong departure. (Cries of "No.") I it has been a very good thing to do. I believe that the first idea, when we discussed, was that we should meet in Glasgow. I am not so well up in the geography of be. I have always heard that Glasgow of the empire, and I have heard that she the second city in the world soon, and then quite sure whether Govan was not a possibility that Glasgow would like to absorb I suppose she knows that she would be world. What Govan's idea is I don't know if Govan thought that by absorbing Glasgow right, she certainly would be the second. Well, she might do it yet. I know the Province of Glasgow, and therefore that is why I am glad to be in the burgh of Govan. (Applause.) I don't know that any city is better than the Province of Glasgow has had been the second city in the world is better than Govan has done. We have a hall, which is extremely convenient and well, and you also see how it has been due to the burgh of Govan for the way Bro. Duncan said that life would be extremely have something to grumble at. I have to-night, and I feel also that all the brethren are in a happy position.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
Sir Thomas D. G. Carmichael, G. M.
David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

131st Communication.

F. E. Harrison, G. M.

We have only received the address of the Grand Master and the report on Correspondence.

The Grand Master says the state of the Craft may be summed up in the two words, "Harmony and Prosperity."

Six new lodges were granted dispensations.

They have a nucleus of over \$12,000.00 towards the proposed Masonic Home. The Grand Master, however, regrets that subscriptions are not coming in faster.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. J. T. Barron and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Half-yearly Communication, Adelaide, Oct. 17, 1906.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized, but action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was postponed.

A new lodge was opened at Angaston.

The proposed conference of Australasian Grand Lodges was approved and the Grand Secretary appointed as their delegate.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 17, 1907.

It appears from a minute that the proposed conference of Australasian Grand Lodges was indefinitely postponed.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

33rd Communication, Lead, June 11th, 1907.

Robert H. McCaughey, G. M.

He opened three new lodges, and on the condition of the Craft he says :

As a Grand Lodge we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge that we are at peace with all the world, as well as for the general prosperity that prevails among the Craft. From the reports of the various lodges it appears that our membership has reached 6,675, or a net gain during the past year of 341. The steadily increasing numbers is a source of satisfaction, and the stronger we become the greater is our responsibility.

An intermission was held, at which a delegation of ladies from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was introduced:

At this time Bro. Frank A. Brown, P. G. M., made an especial presentation of Mrs. Madeline V. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the World, the Supreme Officer of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S., who was visiting the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, and who accompanied the committee from that body. She was received with prolonged applause, and in the "taking little speech" which followed she paid a glowing tribute to Masonry, telling what it had meant to her in early years when death robbed her of a parent's love and care. She also complimented South Dakota on being one of the first states to recognize and exchange annual greetings with the Order of the Eastern Star. Very few times had she enjoyed the privilege of addressing the members of a Grand Lodge.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown gives our Proceedings of 1906 a very excellent notice, with several extracts. After quoting some of our remarks about the Scotland and Queensland controversy, he says:

Scotland meanwhile has a gold mine. It can sue in the courts and take all the property and funds of the departing lodge. The last one yielded a juicy morsel of \$2,500.00.

In his review of Connecticut we are given some interesting historical information:

Our brother says that American Union Lodge received its first charter from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Our own information is that American Union Lodge was erected by John Rowe, Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston. It was an army lodge and to be held in the "Connecticut line." This lodge in 1799 inaugurated a movement for a Grand Master of the United States, and in 1780 nominated General Washington for that position. The idea was received with some favor for a while, but never engaged any considerable popularity outside army circles. At the close of the war all army lodges seemed to dissolve. The Master of American Union Lodge retained the custody of the charter, as he was authorized and required to do at his installation. He had closed his lodge "to stand closed until the W. M. should call them together." He settled in Ohio at or near Marietta. There were some members in that section, and he called them together and opened the lodge. An effort was made to maintain it as an independent lodge, but no official recognition was given it except as a subordinate of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. When the Grand Lodge of Ohio was formed it flirted with them for a number of years until it was finally declared clandestine, after which it died. An effort was made to revive it, with the aid of some of its members, but the substitute lodge soon ceased to exist. After the Morgan excitement had subsided, and a revival of interest in Ma-

sonry appeared, the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1843 voted to revive the substitute lodge and its name from that time has been borne upon the books as No. 1.

In his conclusion Bro. Brown strikes a new chord well worthy of serious consideration:

The appalling destruction of life, and the frightful maiming incident to railway travel are the continually increasing features of daily life which crowd upon our attention. The agonizing cries of the wounded and dying, and the more piteous moans of the widow and orphan. The dismayful feeling that nothing is being done. The directorate and the management accuse the operating brotherhoods, while they in turn lay it to the owners. The United States Government is devoting itself to the comparative trivialities of rebates and discriminations by means of freight charges. The individual States spend the precious hours in the reduction of passenger fares. But who is devoting himself to the great undertaking of preventing the accumulation of the overwhelming total of victims annually sacrificed to the habitual neglect of all these people, placed in authority, to consider themselves answerable, as they ought, for the safety of those confided to their care? Discrimination and rebates are bad, but they only tend to interrupt the just distribution of wealth. Reduction in fares simply adds to the hordes of people who offer themselves as thoughtless victims of the methods now in use, proved to be destructive beyond all reason. Economy of administration, while it increases the dividends, contributes by so much to the total number of casualties. Forcing the employment of irresponsible members of the operating brotherhoods helps those organizations. But they all appear to weigh on the wrong side of the scales. Who is it that defends and protests the lives of those exposed to this imminent danger? Who represents the victims? All the great classes of people in authority seem to be devoting their energies to the protection of men's pockets. Can any thoughtful man deny that if every one in authority should make the safety of travel his uppermost thought a vast saving would be made? Can nothing be done to turn men's minds away from the contemplation of the mighty dollar to the far more important matters of life and death? I know that it is unlawful for Masonry to enter the arena of politics, but there is no political party which assumes to urge the slaughter of the innocents. Masonry does not hesitate to take upon itself the duty of caring for the injured and burying the dead. Why should it not assume also the duty of preventing their destruction? One question sent by every Mason to every one in authority, after each casualty, would have weight: "What did you do to prevent this particular killing and maiming?"

William E. Milligan (Aberdeen), G. M.
George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

At the 16th annual communication February 22nd, 1907, it was resolved that members while in arrears of fees to Grand Lodge be ineligible for further Grand Lodge office.

From the address of the Grand Lodge at its annual on the 29th of August we quote:

While on this subject, I would desire to express my fraternal congratulations to the members of the Grand Lodge for the public-spirited manner in which they have been accumulating a considerable fund, for a Masonic scholarship in connection with the education of the children of Masons who are unable to do so for the next three or four years. This is a praiseworthy one, and I hope that the object of the fund will be fully appreciated. I would, however, hope that all the lodges that one of the great objects of the Grand Lodge Fund, and which is freely taken advantage of for the education of the children of Masons who are unable to do so, have not been able to provide for the education of their children in life. It seems necessary to make a provision for the passing, because it might be inferred that one of the great objects of our Fund is being overlooked.

Most of the lodges are in a position to prove a commendable loyalty to the Grand Lodge of our Craft.

The 17th annual communication was held on February 28th, 1908.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

A number of distinguished visitors were present at the address of welcome we quote from the Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales:

R. W. the Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales. I am directed by our M. W. Grand Master to express his warmest and heartiest good wishes from himself and the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. It was in New South Wales that the first Masonic lodge originated in Australia in 1803, at a place called Sydney (Laughter.) This is the second time that a Mason has been sent to Tasmania by the Governor of the Colony. In May, 1803, there was a Mason sent here to Tasmania by the then Governor—because in 1803 there was a meeting of some men of the name of King George III. in Sydney, and they decided to form a Masonic lodge there. They petitioned the Governor to allow them to form a lodge, and he immediately sent the principal offender to Tasmania. (Laughter.)

it is gratifying to find that Masonry has so grown in this little island of yours. In May, 1803, when a number of good Masons met in Sydney they were all arrested and brought before the "beaks" the next day; but the bench finding that there was really nothing against them in the way of trying to create treasonable offences, they were discharged. We were all glad, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that you were with us when we celebrated our centenary on 16th May, 1903. The first lodge in Australia that actually practised Freemasonry was our lodge Australia, formed under the Irish Constitution in 1816, and on my own behalf and the brethren of New South Wales I invite you to come to Sydney in 1916, when Lodge Australia will celebrate her centenary. In 1828 the English Constitution was established in Sydney, and in 1843 the Scotch thought they would have a lodge under the Scotch Constitution in Victoria, and in 1861 St. Andrew's Lodge under that Constitution was opened in Sydney. On the 25th June, 1890, some of us of New South Wales had the pleasure of coming here and installing your first Grand Master, His Excellency Lord Carrington, our Grand Master, coming over to instal the late M. W. Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris in this very building, and I am pleased to say, though 18 years have rolled by, I am accompanied on this occasion by two officers of our Grand Lodge who were present on that occasion, Bro. Coffill and Bro. Toomey. In 1884 there was established the Mother the Grand Lodge of South Australia, in 1888 the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and in 1889 the Grand Lodge of Victoria was inaugurated; then in 1890 the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; and I am sure we are all particularly proud to see so distinguished a representative of it here to-night. As Grand Master Chief Justice Way once said, it was an anachronism for a state or colony with responsible government to remain in a state of Masonic dependence; that was the spirit which imbued the brethren of these States to form Grand Lodges and I hope the question of the reorganization of the Grand Lodge of Queensland will be settled and that it will not be long before we shall be able to meet as brethren of every Grand Lodge in Australia and New Zealand.

The Pro-Grand Master visited a number of the lodges and found the work to be of a high standard. He was struck by the number newly initiated therein, and cautions the brethren to admit none but good men and true. Harmony exists in every lodge he visited. Very much good is being done by the Lodges of Instruction. The stranger has not been forgotten, and every worthy brother has received relief.

The wisdom of the policy of appointing Assistant Inspectors to look after the outlying districts has been amply justified by the results.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

John Hamilton (Hobart), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

94th Communication, Nashville,
George E. Seay, G. M.

The Grand Master's address is a
his official acts. Peace and harmony
a large number of lodges and made
decisions.

From the report of the Board of
sonic Widows' and Orphans' Home

The annual picnic and barbecue, giving
grand success in every way. The day
every arrangement necessary had been
time for everyone attending. Eight
cleared from this source, which is deposited
credit in the First National Bank, this credit
the Grand Master, full of wisdom for the
to all, concluded the exercises of the day
and some of the out-of-town lodges were
cess of this picnic, and many thanks are
out detracting one bit of credit from the
ladies of the Eastern Star simply outd
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In connection with the Home a
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to enable the directors to purchase th
required for the enlargement of the
have 23 widows, 46 girls, 43 boys at
9 assistants.

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the applications of Valle de Mexico
guay were held over.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers reviewed
1906.

Milton H. Price (Memphis), G.
John B. Garrett (Nashville), G.

UTAH.

36th Communication, Salt Lake
Sidney Watson Badcon, G. M.
The Grand Master reports that t

diction is in good condition, financially and otherwise. Peace and harmony prevail. One new lodge was organized.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Action on the recognition of the Grand Lodges Valle de Mexico and Alpina was deferred.

We congratulate Bro. Christopher Diehl on his birthday honors, and hope he may long live to enjoy further proofs of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren :

On the 21st day of March, 1906, I passed the 75th mile post on my life's journey. To the Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and Brethren coming from near and far, who remembered the day and presented me with a beautiful set of cut and ornamental Rhein wine glasses, the feelings of my heart and my gratitude are best expressed by a quotation from Longfellow : " This was my birthday, and a happier one was never mine."

Bro. Diehl is now the Doyen of the Corps of Grand Secretaries, having served in that capacity since 1872.

In his report on Correspondence he characterizes the address of Grand Master Burritt as a dignified Masonic document.

37th Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 21st, 1908.
William James Barrette, G. M.

In the Grand Master's address we find a touching reference to the struggles of the early Masons in that territory as it then was :

A little less than forty years ago there foregathered in this city of the Saints as faithful and brave a band of pioneers as have ever helped make history. This was then an Egypt whose king knew not Joseph. Only a few short years before had the Union Pacific, whatever its unsavory record may have been, made connection between the east and far west, and furnished reasonable facilities for touch with the "folks back home." The sage-brush still frowned at cultivated vegetation ; nature herself still resisted the encroachment of man's dominion. Of the people who were then here, a majority so great as to leave the minority hardly worth recalling, were of those whose training, prejudices and habits of thought and life rendered them out of touch and sympathy with the purpose of that gathering.

In such inhospitable and forbidding surroundings, in such cheerless and chilling atmosphere did those brave pioneers come together to lay the foundation for a Masonic Grand Lodge in the then territory of Utah. How broad and deep was the foundation they laid, we of to-day have ample proof. They builded better than they themselves knew—all without hope of fee or reward, but in the love they bore the fraternity of which they were part and in the love of mankind itself.

I sometimes wonder whether we now flaunting prosperity, in our day of beautiful memberships and many degrees, do not to those early toilers in the vineyard who day at a time when it seemed still a serious question whether liberty and Masonry should constitute elements in the fiber of this commonwealth.

We also make the following extracts:

The human failing which impels a man to the least resistance, and to ask some one else to do upon which he is in doubt, when he could decide it for himself, has furnished me the conditions to be passed upon. Most, if not all, are answered by making reference to the principles of the Code, and were thus disposed of. No other decision which justifies recording or speaking to you.

I urge that the brethren study the Code, even be better to run the risk of developing parliamentary and statutory construction of leavening the loaf, than to go along with similar perennial questionings.

On the whole a healthy growth has manifested in the constituent lodges during the year. In all there is enthusiasm, good feeling and good will. One lodge in the jurisdiction received no new members other received but two, and another but one. Lodges have done better than merely in the past; they have kept the faith. The participation in civic life of this State reaches the acute point, and the material from which our growth and development come is limited there. Enthusiasm is with them, however; at Hiram Lodge, though three of the principal officers, including the Master, have to drive distances of from several miles to reach the lodge, they are always ready to should furnish food for reflection for some of our members of our larger and stronger lodges who are away from their lodge meeting by the time of the next meeting.

New lodges were opened at Bing, and at Milford, Beaver County.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Mexico were recognized. Action on the Grand Lodge of Alpina and the Grand Lodge of Greece was deferred.

The Grand Secretary reviews our work for 1907 in his report on Correspondence, and in his conclusion:

In the preparation of the foregoing report, I have been guided, as in former years, by what we have

of our Utah brethren. We are not vain enough to claim that the work is without faults and perfect, nevertheless we implore our brethren to read it. Reading Masonic literature makes the perfect Mason. Every Mason should be a reader, a thinker, a student as well as a practitioner of the other virtues inculcated in Masonry. The century grows upward, not downward, and Masons should be in the front of the procession that moves towards the dawn of day and the glorious light. And to be in the front they must read and keep posted of the important matters annually transpiring in the Masonic world.

James Henry Brown (Salt Lake City), G. M.
Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

114th Communication, Burlington, June 12th, 1907.
Charles A. Calderwood, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says :

The same general condition of harmony that has prevailed in Vermont during the past few years still continues. This is not the harmony of inactivity and sloth ; for in nearly every lodge rough ashlar are being shaped, smoothed and fitted for the builder's use. More and more, I believe, is the question being asked, "What is the ideal of Masonry?" and "How may I better realize it in my life?" The spirit of earnestness and sincerity so prevalent is encouraging to all lovers of the Craft and bodes well for the future.

The past year has seen 608 initiations and shows a net increase in membership of 276.

It was decided not to legislate on the subject of requiring documentary evidence from visitors.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins gives our Proceedings for 1906 a very excellent notice.

Charles A. Calderwood (St. Johnsbury), G. M.
Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

50th Communication, Tacoma, June 11th, 1907.
Edward F. Waggoner, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent resume of his official acts. He evidently has the interests of the Craft at heart and makes several suggestions in the line of improvement.

Six new lodges were granted dispensations, one of them at Ketchikan in Alaska.

Recognition was deferred of the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Valle de Mexico.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Correspondence :

Resolved, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to the right of visitation and affiliation, under the usual Masonic restrictions, the same as if made in lodges of our own obedience.

The report of Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick goes exhaustively into the subject and recommends that the proposition be not adopted. We have only space for one extract :

In many of the countries the Scottish Rite is said to be a political factor. This, it is asserted, is especially so in Catholic countries, and considering the unsettled political conditions prevailing in places where this rite is dominant, it seems to me that it would be unwise to recognize or affiliate with Masons hailing from these countries, for that would be, in effect, an approval, perhaps indirect, of what such Masonic bodies stand for, and we have nothing whatever to do with either the religion or politics of any country. But the greatest, and it seems to me an insuperable objection to this resolution, lies in the fact that we believe in Supreme Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, and in many, if not all of these Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, there have been attempts by our Masonic brothers to establish independent and supreme Grand Lodges. In some they have succeeded, and when it has been made plain that they are independent they have been recognized. In others they have failed, but the work will go on. This movement is a step in the direction of universal Masonry, to the end that brethren of Ancient Craft Masonry may fraternize and affiliate wheresoever dispersed. They are fighting advancing to our lines, and for us to say now, when the battle is on, that we will recognize and affiliate with Masons from Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, as contemplated in this resolution, would destroy every inducement and incentive on the part of those there domiciled to establish independent lodges with Sovereign Grand Lodges, for the real purpose of such independence, visitation and affiliation would be thus accomplished.

A motion to adopt the District Deputy Grand Master system was laid over till the next annual meeting.

Bro. W. H. Upton, Past Grand Master, died on November 3rd, 1906, at the early age of 52. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and his great ability made him a power in the Craft. The esteem in which he was held by the brethren is evidenced by the elaborate services held, and also the eulogy delivered in the Grand Lodge.

In his review on British Columbia Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick has the following on the recognition question :

If he believes that at least a majority of the lodges should subscribe to the new Grand Lodge, and he undoubtedly does, for in recommending Alberta he suggests that fact as a prerequisite complied with, we would like to go further and ask how he expects a majority to concur when it is made a Masonic offence to even discuss the matter. The Masons referred to as under suspension were guilty of no real offense, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no right to expect the American Grand Lodges, whose rights it so ruthlessly ignores to respect its edicts of suspension or non-intercourse, when it has prohibited good men and true from conversing Masonically with legitimate brethren. If the present position of the Grand Lodge of Scotland be sustained no Grand Lodge could ever be organized in new territory against the will of the Mother Grand Lodge. Upon chartering a lodge it could issue an edict denying the right of members to discuss the formation of a Grand Lodge, and thus forever prevent the occurrence of a majority.

In his notice of our Proceedings for 1906 he gives Grand Master Burritt the following compliment :

It would be useless to reprint all of the rulings of the Grand Master, for all of them are in accord with our law, but we cannot refrain from saying that his work shows him to be a Masonic student as well as a lawyer of rare ability.

Under Connecticut we quote :

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, by persistent effort, and, as we believe, by misrepresentation, obtained recognition from first one Grand Lodge and then another, so that at the present time many Grand Lodges seem to have lost all inclination to enquire into its antecedents or present condition and are content to recognize it because a certain number of other Grand Lodges have recognized it. When a majority have succumbed to her wiles it is to be presumed that we will all tumble over ourselves to get in line, so as not to be the last. There is another expression in Bro. Barlow's report, and that is his reliance on the fact that it has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of England.

"The Grand Lodge of England" has been held over us all these years as an open sesame to more trouble than can be measured in the span of one generation. It was this dictum that plunged us into the negro question and kept us there for several years. It was dinned into our ears at Grand Lodge and sung without ceasing in our Correspondence reports.

The fact that our acts would be applauded by the Grand Lodge of England, although the record does not indicate that our idiocy was noticed by it, was enough to rob us of our reason, and following that "fool theory" we deliberately affronted every Grand Lodge in the United States.

And what of the Grand Lodge of England? It is true that it is our Mother Grand Lodge, but is it more able or learned in the mysteries of Freemasonry than are our own Grand Lodges? Does it at all compare in its jurisprudence with a dozen or more American Grand Lodges—our own, for instance?

There is less of worth and value to her published reports than there is in the American Grand Lodge. "The Grand Lodge" is a sentiment, a notion, a bogle, and its death is upon us until it is passed on by some of the Americans to whom we have learned to confide.

Yielding all that is due, admitting its due veneration due the Mother Grand Lodge, I admit that the Grand Lodge of England is a mother grown childish with flattery. She is a freebooter in the Masonic field, and has done so by the current of events yielded to her then in a petulant way. Next to Scotland she has the least respect of all the English-speaking

The Grand Representatives were given honorary honors, and in his response B. O. G. instead of the usual flow of complimentary course and condemned the system of trenchant remarks :

There is no doubt but that many of our Grand Lodges have wondered, as I have, of what the Grand Representatives. From a practical point of view see none whatever ; from that viewpoint they are entirely useless, and, if no other than a practical point of view, its existence, it is utterly ridiculous. Viewed as a Grand Representative being made the basis of the relation between Grand Lodges, which is a practical function. Grand Representatives represent the bodies from which they receive commissions, but is it not a fact that, when a feeble body is involved in a great controversy with other very ones who were supposed to present the Grand Lodges were the ones who assailed the feeble language ? On the other hand, in the case of a difficulty arising between this body and one from which I am honored with a commission, support that body in preference to this one.

The system is so little regarded in Scotland that frequently brothers are carried on the rolls years after they have gone to represent the Grand Lodge above.

We have also to acknowledge with the receipt of the second edition of the "Masonic Encyclopedia" from Washington a very valuable compilation.

Ralph Clapp McAllaster (Seattle)
Horace Walter Tyler (Olympia).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 27, 1906.

Right Rev. J. O. L. Riley, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is so apropos that we make no apology for the following long extract :

Again we meet, I trust, under the divine guidance, to carry out our Masonic duties and thus to advance one step more towards the realising of our great ideals of brotherly love, relief and truth. We assemble under happy auspices. We are progressing, we are happy, we are longing to be more brotherly. We have, judging by our past wonderful history, a good hope for a prosperous future. Our progress, naturally, at present is not by leaps and bounds, as it used to be, but it is steady and sure. The State is becoming more settled and its population increases at a steady rate ; so does our Constitution. At the present time there is not, in my opinion, room for any more lodges, for new towns are not now being continually formed as was the case a few years ago, and in every existing town of any considerable population there is now a lodge established.

With reference to the subject which is always uppermost in our minds, viz., the union of all other lodges in the State with our own, I will only say this, another lodge, the Fingal, has joined our ranks, and I understand that others are thinking of doing the same. The personal friendship between the vast majority of Scotch Freemasons and ourselves is of the most cordial nature. In fact, I never hear an angry word or an ill-natured remark, and I honestly believe that if it were not for a few men, who, out of a mistaken idea of loyalty to Scotland, fight earnestly against union, there would be no Scottish question to consider.

I do not know that I can be convicted of disloyalty to England because I helped to form a Constitution for Western Australia any more than a man can be said to be disloyal to his parents who takes to himself a wife and founds a new home. It cannot be too often repeated that when Scotch Freemasons join us they are not giving up Scotland for England, but are joining a new Constitution in which they form a not inconspicuous part. It appears to me to be a cause for regret that supposed loyalty to England, Ireland or Scotland should compel Freemasons to forget the claims of Freemasonry in Western Australia.

At the Quarterly Communication held in Boulder, October 26th, the Grand Master informed the brethren that one new lodge had been formed at Ravensthorpe and another lodge had transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

At the Quarterly Communication held at Perth, January 25th, 1907, the following resolution was adopted :

That the resolution of October 28th, 1904, which states "That upon the Grand Lodge of Scotland granting full territorial recognition to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia without reservation of a right to establish further lodges in this territory, the M. W. Grand Master is hereby empowered to immediately remove the edict of non-intercourse from all Scottish lodges erected in this State between the 27th February, 1900, and the present date" be hereby reaffirmed.

One new lodge was organized at Port Hedland.

The Grand Inspector made 140 official visits during the year and reports great improvement in the ceremonial work.

The report on Correspondence is the joint work of a committee of six. Canada receives a very fraternal notice at the hands of Bro. J. S. Battye. After quoting our remarks about Scotland he says :

The Grand Lodge of Scotland might with advantage paste this in his hat, so that whenever it bares its head in courtesy to others—if it ever does so—it will be able to read it.

We copy part of their conclusion, with congratulations on their excellent work :

Whilst we congratulate our brethren abroad upon the clear sky of their Masonic affairs, we in Australia have still our clouds, and to that is to be attributed the avidity with which we have seized upon the fraternal expressions concerning our difficulties. The Grand Lodge of Scotland still presents a stern forbidding front towards us as well as towards Queensland.

We sympathize with our Queensland brethren, for their Grand Lodge has been the first to feel the incidence of the recent agreement between the three Grand Lodges of the old country, all of whom have so far adopted the attitude of non-recognition. We hope the difficulties will soon be adjusted, and the principles of Masonry be given that living force of brotherhood which at times they almost seem to lack.

Right Rev. J. O. L. Riley (Perth), G. M.
J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

43rd Communication, Parkersburg. Nov. 13th, 1907.
Tom G. Strickler, G. M.

The Grand Master's address for the year shows him to have been a very zealous and efficient officer. He made numerous visits and organized two new lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.
Action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle

de Mexico, the Grand Orients of Greece, Brazil and Paraguay, and the Grand Logia of Chili, was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. H. R. Howard reviews our proceedings for 1907. and is thoroughly in accord with Grand Master Burritt's views on nearly every point. On the subject of canvassing for office he has the following :

The Grand Master condemns the system of open canvassing for office, and takes the true position, which he says is laid down in the ancient charges that "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only," and adds that "office obtained by personal canvass is one of doubtful honor," while the Committee of the Board of General Purposes thinks the advice given on the subject by Bro. Murray several years ago, is the proper thing : "Cast your vote against instead of for the candidate who thus improperly approaches you."

From his conclusion we quote :

First. That the disposition manifested among the radical members in some of our Grand Lodges, more especially in the United States, to engraft upon the fundamental laws of the Order new fads, copied and borrowed to a great extent from other associations and societies of modern origin, is condemned by a very large percentage of Grand Lodges, as a departure from the conservative ways of "the fathers," and forbidden innovations upon the landmarks and ancient charges. I mention as prominent among some of these innovations: the initiation of persons unable to comply with the ritual without the aid of artificial limbs and appliances ; reducing the work of the ritual to cipher, whereby the same becomes legible and intelligible to themselves and others and authorizing its use ; changing the Ancient Charges as to the qualifications necessary of a candidate, by prescribing the business he may not engage or be engaged in, and the requirement of documentary evidence in addition to the time-honored way of making one's self known as a Mason.

Second. That there is a lack of uniformity as to what constitutes legitimate Masonry, some holding that Masons made in Scottish Rite Consistories or in symbolic lodges of Scottish Rite origin, are irregular and illegitimate, while others equally as well informed hold to the contrary doctrine ; some contending that if there is no Grand Lodge of symbolic Masons, and the Scottish Rite the controlling Masonic authority of the country, that then the Masons made in that country are regular and legitimate ; some that Grand Lodges formed by lodges owing allegiance to Scottish Rite Masonry, although having thrown off their allegiance and declared themselves free and sovereign, are outside the pale of legitimacy and should not be recognized ; and this leads up to what Bro. Robbins, of Illinois characterizes as Recognized, Unrecognized, and Recognizable Grand Lodges, some Grand Jurisdictions recognizing Grand Lodges declared unrecognized and some

again denying recognition to those declared even some of those named as recognized on account of illegitimacy by Grand we and many other Grand Lodges are in existence. "And so, there you are, Hinnissing to do about it?" I have no remedy, supposable that every Grand Lodge will its company," however much it is to be

Third. That the cause of benevolence Masons goes on apace, being fostered greater extent than ever before.

Fourth. That Masonry throughout the up-grade financially and in numbers, and respect among all classes of our fellow

James A. Bryan (Parkersburg),
Hiram R. Howard (Point Pleasant)

WISCONSIN.

63rd Communication, Milwaukee,
Edwin J. Farr, G. M.

The Grand Master visited a number most of them are in a healthy condition has been made in securing uniformity better care is noticeable in discrimination We quote part of the conclusion of the of the Grand Master :

It is unnecessary for me to say to the address, that for fifty years my life has humble way to the adherents of the true loved brotherhood. It is a noble heritage we should all strive as best we can to seecepts be exemplified in our daily lives.

Masonry is one of the links in the existence. Its influence upon the hearts come within its dominion and who have sunlight of its affection is among the men mankind.

Masonry has been a source of light tries, and its teachings the most rational aiding to create the highest order of man highest duty is to family, his country, and sonry has always championed. The o among the Craft should be the moral in the community, and the great body proud that we occupy so enviable a place fellow men and our fealty in the future to depend upon our devotion to all the true beloved fraternity.

A resolution was adopted for the official stenographer for Grand Lodge

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that :

The Constitution and edicts of the Grand Lodge do not prohibit the use of robes and stereopticons, but we are of the opinion that their use adds nothing to the impressiveness of the teachings of Masonry, but rather distracts the mind of a novice from the beautiful and impressive lessons taught by Masonic symbolism.

Queensland was recognized.

General John G. Smith was present as a distinguished visitor. He was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and his address in response was a mighty inspiration not soon to be forgotten by those who heard it.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. Aldro Jenks has the following :

That the Grand Lodge of England has not been precipitate in granting official recognition to Grand Lodges created by its subordinates in the provinces is evident from a statement made by Grand Master Burritt that this "favor" had just been extended to the Grand Lodge of Quebec "after thirty years of weary waiting." This incident shows how futile it is to expect, and how unjust it is to wait for official recognition of new Grand Lodges created by any of the subordinates of the Grand Lodges of England or Scotland. When a new Grand Lodge has been created, according to the unwritten law of Freemasonry, it is useless to wait for either of these mother Grand Lodges to lead off in the matter of official recognition no matter how much we may wish to be courteous to them.

The claims of justice in according to lodges in unoccupied territory the right of self government are superior to the claims of politeness toward a Grand Lodge that ought to grant recognition but will not.

On the subject of Masonic Homes we find the following under Connecticut :

The Grand Master expressed the wish that every Mason in the State might visit their Masonic Home in order that its excellent qualities might be seen and appreciated. We learn that the membership is being taxed seventy-five cents per capita per annum to sustain it; that additional accommodations are imperatively needed, and a tax of five dollars upon each person raised in the lodges was proposed for its support. This latter measure failed of adoption. We have no doubt that the Connecticut Masonic Home is a well conducted institution and should be a source of pride to the Craft, yet a comparison of methods may be indulged in by Wisconsin Masons.

In Wisconsin the work done by a Masonic Home is accomplished through a Grand Lodge charity fund of ten cents per capita per annum. The membership of the two Grand Lodges is practically the same. Our fund is found to be more than ample to meet every demand made upon it, while Connecticut,

with a tax of seven and one half times as great, finds hers sufficient. What is the cause of this marked difference? know it is not occasioned by Wisconsin neglecting her duty care for Masons in distress, for we know of none having claims upon Masonic charity (who have not ruined themselves by their own vices) who are not receiving all the assistance needed by them. We cannot believe it is due to Connecticut having seven times as many deserving Masons dependent upon the Craft for support.

With us every dollar raised for charity goes to assist the needing assistance. Where a Masonic Home exists a large part of the annual tax goes to defray the expenses of getting this money applied to the purpose of affording relief; salaries of superintendent, matron, physicians, teachers, men servants and maid servants, bookkeepers, trustees, treasurers, to purchase land, erect buildings and keep them in repair, to buy furniture, horses, asses, cows, machinery of all kinds etc.

With us we simply supplement the exertions of the individual assisted, who is encouraged to do what he can for his own support. In this he is frequently assisted by those related to him by blood or marriage. Where a Home exists when once a person becomes an inmate of it he or she does nothing to support themselves, while their relatives congratulate themselves that the individual has gotten into the Masonic Home and is being cared for by the Masons. Thus the entire cost of their support falls upon the Craft instead of only a small proportion of it. For these reasons we much prefer to afford relief through a charity fund.

Spencer M. Marsh (Neillsville), G. M.
William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

34th Communication, Lander, September 4th, 1907.
Peter S. Cook, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is concise and very much to the point. He opened a new lodge at Lusk, and made a number of able suggestions for the good of the Craft. We quote from his opening:

Prosperity seems to be the watchword all over the country and in every line of employment. Our workmen, ranchmen, farmers and business men have all been prospered beyond participation, and the Masonic fraternity has kept pace with the prosperity. The population of our State is increasing rapidly that it seems impossible to realize it all. Of course all of this tends to create a generous feeling and may cause us to overlook the necessary qualifications which should be possessed by every man who seeks Masonic preferment. Masons are bound by the principles of their art to demean themselves as good members of society; as quiet and peaceable citizens; to be true to their government and just to their country. Brotherly love, relief and truth are the massive columns which

support the Masonic edifice, and while sincerity and fair dealing are the faithful sentinels, there can be no avenue for deceit and falsehood. Truth is a divine attribute and is the foundation of every virtue, the basis on which we form our friendships and establish our connections. Justice, temperance, Fortitude and prudence are the four cardinal virtues in which every Mason should endeavor to excel.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we get the following :

In concluding this report it may not be out of place to allude to the fact that I have served as your Grand Secretary in conjunction with every Grand Master of this jurisdiction except the first nine. If I have ever created a note of discord in the official family of the twenty Grand Masters under whom I have served, I do not remember it, and during all these years in which we have been making Masonic history for our subordinate membership and this Grand Lodge I have received many tokens of the esteem and friendship of those who from time to time have been members of this Grand Body, all of which I assure you is and has been greatly appreciated and will be kindly and sincerely remembered as long as my lamp continues to burn.

We note with pleasure that he was unanimously re-elected for the 21st time, so he certainly must be the right man in the right place.

A resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland was adopted, and we quote the report prefacing the resolution, as it contains an able resume of the case :

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland having been laid over from last annual communication, for the purpose of further investigating the matter of notices to all lodges in Queensland regarding the time and place of a meeting to consider the formation of a Grand Lodge, your committee most respectfully reports that the claim of said Grand Lodge that all of said lodges were notified and had ample knowledge of said meeting has not been disputed, so far as your committee has been able to discover. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume and your committee is of the opinion that said claim is true. Accepting such to be the fact, then the thirty-nine lodges represented at and participating in the meeting and formation of said Grand Lodge were legally qualified to do so. All the other lodges in that territory, although composing a large majority of the lodges therein, having failed or refused to take part in said meeting and if opposed to the formation of a Grand Lodge, failed or refused to prevent its formation, are, along with all other Masonic powers, estopped from claiming, with any show of reason, that it was irregularly formed and, therefore, not entitled to recognition. When to this is added the recent agreement between the Mother Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland and that hereafter no new Grand Lodge in the colonies or elsewhere for that matter, shall be recognized by either unless

two-thirds of all the lodges working under warrants or charters granted by each shall join in forming such new Grand Lodge, and not then unless all three of said Grand Lodges agree to recognition, then, in the opinion of your committee, it is time for all other regular Grand Lodges to extend recognition to every Grand Lodge hereafter formed as in this or in any other legal or regular manner without waiting for recognition by said Grand Lodges, which they have hedged about with conditions which are not only un-Masonic, but will, as intended, prevent either of them from recognizing any new Grand Lodge.

Under all the circumstances, your committee believes that said Grand Lodges have placed themselves without the pale of any further extension of courtesy in this case, and believe for that and other reasons stated that recognition should at this time be extended to said new Grand Lodge.

A beginning was made for the foundation of a Masonic Home, the sum of \$500.00 being set aside as a nucleus for the fund.

Besides his other qualifications, Bro. Kuykendall is a first-class reviewer. He quotes freely from our Proceedings for 1906, and on one subject he well says :

In this connection it seems singular how many Masons there are who seek to have law set aside to fit some special isolated case the foundation for which they are probably responsible. They seem forgetful of the fact that if the power existed to set aside plain provisions of the law on a given subject, the Grand Master would be deluged with applications to do likewise in similar special cases touching nearly every phase of Masonic law, and, as the Grand Master well says, chaos would be the result.

In his concluding remarks he strikes a note of warning :

Having again completed the labor of reviewing all proceedings which have been received since our last report, we deem it a duty to call attention to the oft-repeated expression, "that there is more danger to Craft Masonry from within than from without the fraternity," and we know of no greater danger at this time than the question of the recognition by our Grand Lodges of others claiming to be such, and the further claim in a few quarters that every Mason has the inherent right to recognize as a brother Mason any person claiming to be such, notwithstanding the fact that his Grand Lodge has not recognized the Grand Lodge to which such claimant owes obedience, or, having recognized it, has broken off all relations therewith and with all its membership and interdicted Masonic intercourse between all Masons of the two jurisdictions. There is no question about all legitimate Masonry having its start from the Grand Lodge of England. Such being the case, either the Masonry on this continent has departed widely from the original plan, which

we do not believe, will be admitted, or the present Masonry on the continent of Europe has departed therefrom to such extent in nearly every way as to establish two very different kinds of Masonic belief, teachings and principles. We do not believe there can be two brands of regular Masonry, and the universality we hear so much about must be of one brand or the other. If of the brand holding fast to the three great lights as the first and main requisite of regularity, freedom from being in any way a political machine, independent of any and all control of the government of the country in which they exist, as well as that of any other Masonic power or body, and free from entangling alliances with clandestine as well as irregular Masonry, then such universality should only include and be extended to those so holding, otherwise it will only be a question of time before all legitimate Masonry so holding fast to the original plan, will become contaminated with some, if not all, the heresies practised by clandestine and irregular Masonic bodies which shall have been recognized and included in the far-reaching word "universality." We believe, as expressed in former reports, that several so-called Grand Lodges have been recognized here and there which are not entitled to be hailed as in the universal class, and that the limit of recognition has already been reached so far as many bodies seeking recognition is concerned. We are further of the opinion that the heresy of the claimed right of the individual Mason, and not his Grand Lodge, to determine the status of Masons owing obedience to Grand Lodges not recognized by the latter, as regular, should be given attention before it spreads beyond the few who have advanced that doctrine in the face of the obligation they have assumed.

F. S. King (Laramie), G. M.

W. L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

We are indebted to Bro. J. T. Barron for the following valuable table of statistics from review of Correspondence for South Carolina :

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of Subordinates	Number of Members	Raised	Admitted	.....
Alabama	1906	445	18191	1975	935	
Arizona	1906	19	1394	125	44	
Arkansas	1905	475	17480	1371	503	
British Columbia	1906	38	3051	262	98	
California	1906	380	33769			
Canada	1906	395	37622	2586	522	
Colorado	1906	107	11501	650	296	
Connecticut	1907	110	20752	1122	97	
Costa Rica	1905	7	207	40	2	
Cuba						
Delaware	1906	22	2772	169	12	
Dist. of Columbia	1906	31	7999	459	82	
Florida	1906	153	6655	733	384	
Georgia	1906	506	27620			
Idaho	1906	36	2251	159	112	
Illinois	1906	743	79712	6617	1094	
Indiana	1906	531	45059	3415	780	
Indian Territory	1906	186	7540	961	580	
Iowa	1906	506	36736	2170	690	
Kansas	1907	374	28764	2178	742	
Kentucky	1906	601	28393	2497	639	
Louisiana	1907	173	10584	7117	216	
Maine	1906	202	25889	1218	108	
Manitoba	1906		4410	501	264	
Maryland	1906	107	11580	841	120	
Massachusetts	1906	239	50309	2265	223	
Michigan	1906	399	53795	3035	749	
Minnesota	1907	248	22014	1415	407	
Mississippi	1906	205	13252	1270	606	
Missouri	1906	685	42934	2930	1081	
Montana	1906	53	4421	245	104	
Nebraska	1907	234	15722	976	308	
Nevada	1906	22	1113	74	55	
New Brunswick	1906	35	2300	135	14	
New Hampshire	1906	79	9625	384	52	
New Jersey	1906	180	24973	982	251	
New Mexico	1906	26	1629	137	74	
New South Wales	1906	206	11141	1249	689	
New York	1906	772	139203	10071	993	
New Zealand	1906	141	7221	777	321	
North Carolina	1906	338	15522	1174	351	
North Dakota	1906	74	5567	506	131	
Nova Scotia	1906	66	4715	417	72	
Ohio	1906	507	65105	4397	667	
Oklahoma	1906	141	6777	903	352	
Oregon	1906	109	7899	455	205	
Pennsylvania	1906	456	75273	5223	897	
Prince Edward Island	1906	14	635	47	8	
Quebec	1906	56	5000	446	99	
Rhode Island	1906	37	6176	322	20	
South Australia	1906	44	2799	166	79	
South Carolina	1906	206	10403	1001	275	
South Dakota	1906	108	6336	466	206	
Tennessee	1907	431	20946	1382	639	
Texas	1906	743	39126	3181	1694	
Utah	1906	11	1270	88	25	
Vermont	1906	103	11802	559	93	
Virginia	1906	287	16091	1206	418	
Washington	1906	137	9680	748	423	
Western Australia	1906	76	3684	325	252	
West Virginia	1906	129	11006	1050	216	
Wisconsin	1906	254	22118	1342	254	
Wyoming	1906	23	1931	178	501	

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Arizona.	1907	New Hampshire . . .	1907
Arkansas	1907	New Jersey.	1907
British Columbia . . .	1907	New Mexico	1907
California	1907	New South Wales. .	1906-7
Colorado.	1907	New York	1907
Connecticut.	1908	New Zealand	1907
Costa Rica.	1906	North Carolina. . . .	1907
Cuba.	1907	North Dakota.	1907
Delaware.	1907	Nova Scotia.	1907
Dist. of Columbia. . .	1907	Ohio.	1907
England.	1907-8	Oregon.	1907
Florida.	1908	Pennsylvania	1907
Georgia.	1907	Prince Edward Is. . .	1907
Idaho.	1907	Quebec	1907
Illinois	1907	Queensland.	1907
Indiana.	1907	Rhode Island.	1907
Indian Territory . . .	1907	Saskatchewan.	1907
Iowa.	1907	Scotland.	1908
Ireland	1907	South Australia . . .	1907
Kansas	1908	South Carolina. . . .	1907
Kentucky	1907	South Dakota.	1907
Louisiana	1908	Tasmania.	1907-8
Maine	1907	Tennessee	1908
Manitoba	1907	Utah	1907-8
Maryland	1907	Vermont.	1907
Massachusetts.	1907	Washington.	1907
Michigan	1907	W. Australia	1907
Minnesota	1908	W. Virginia.	1907
Mississippi.	1908	Wisconsin.	1907
Missouri.	1907	Wyoming	1907
Nebraska	1907		

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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, June 1st, 1908.

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